

### **MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL**

DATE:WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2022TIME:5:15 pmPLACE:City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

#### Members of the Panel

R. Gill (Chair), R. Lawrence (Vice Chair)

Elected Member Position – Cllr Susan Barton

M. Richardson	-	Royal Town Planning Institute
R. Allsop	-	Leicester Civic Society
D. Martin	-	Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust
N. Feldmann	-	Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects
L. Gonsalves	-	Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
P. Ellis	-	Victorian Society
C. Hossack	-	Leicestershire Industrial History Society
S. Hartshorne	-	20th Century Society
N. Stacey	-	Leicester School of Architecture
C. Jordan	-	Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society
S. Bird	-	Diocesan Advisory Committee
M. Taylor	-	Institute of Historic Building Conservation

M. Davies, C. Laughton - Persons having appropriate specialist knowledge in respect of the terms of reference of the Working Party

Members of the panel are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

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### AGENDA

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 are attached and the Panel is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

#### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 5. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The Director of Planning, Development and Transportation submits a report on planning applications received for consideration by the Panel.

#### 6. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair ought, by reason of special circumstances, to be considered urgently.

Members are asked to inform the Chair or Conservation Team in advance of the meeting if they have urgent business that they wish to be considered.



#### <u>Minutes of the Meeting of the</u> <u>CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON</u> Wednesday, 15 December 2021

#### Meeting Started 5:15 pm

#### Attendees

R. Gill (Chair), R. Lawrence (Vice Chair), Cllr S. Barton, P. Ellis (VS), N Feldmann (LRSA), L. Gonsalves (RICS), S. Hartshorne (TCS), S. Bird (DAC), C. Hossack (LIHS), M. Taylor (IHBC), C. Laughton, D. Martin (LRGT), M. Richardson (RTPI), M. Davies (DMU), B. McNeil (LCS)

Observing: G. Butterworth (LCC), G. Appleby (LCC)

#### **Presenting Officers**

J. Webber (LCC), D. Evans (LCC)

#### **185. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

C. Jordan (LAHS), R. Allsop (LCS)

#### **186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **187. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Panel agreed the notes.

#### **188. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

A) St Peters Lane and Churchgate, Land at corner Planning Application <u>20210727</u>

# Construction of four storey building to include one retail unit (Class E) to ground floor and flats (8 x 1 Bed; 7 x 2 Bed) from ground to third floor (Class C3) (amended plans)

The panel welcomed changes made to the design of the proposed new mixed use development in the Churchgate Conservation Area. The potential loss of the existing trees and the seasonal view towards the Grade II Listed timber warehouse to the north were noted as negative factors, but not of sufficient harm to prevent any redevelopment of the site. They assessed that the scale and massing of the new building was broadly acceptable and the set-back from the existing building adjacent was a positive aspect. A Heritage Statement had now been submitted to support the application and the issue with the blank elevation at the rear had been resolved. The revised roof form was an improvement over the previous iteration and was considered acceptable. The horizontal emphasis on fenestration on the St Peters Lane elevation was raised as a concern but taken as a whole the design was considered to enhance the Conservation Area by providing stronger street frontage on the corner site.

#### NO OBJECTIONS

B) Filbert Way, Land at and adjacent to the King Power Football Stadium Planning Application <u>20212673</u>

Hybrid application comprising: FULL application for the extension of the East Stand of the King Power Stadium to provide additional seating capacity with ancillary facilities; associated works to the North and South Stands and public realm / hard landscaping works; and OUTLINE application for new club retail store, hotel, commercial office space and food & beverage uses, residential block, multi-purpose arena, multistorey car park and energy centre; with associated public realm / hard landscaping works (with all matters reserved except for site access).

#### Full planning application:

The panel remarked that the extension to the football stadium would impact on the setting of some nearby designated and non-designated heritage assets due to its form and scale. The Raw Dykes being the nearest designated heritage asset, with longer range views of the stand impacting on Welford Road Cemetery and the Aylestone Road Gasworks site in particular. However, the panel felt that that the status of the football stadium as a sporting venue of international significance was one that justified being signalled by a landmark structure. The panel concluded that there was architectural merit to the proposed form and they did not comment on the related lower level public realm works adjacent. They considered that its impact on the city could be justified in terms of the setting of related heritage assets.

#### **NO OBJECTIONS**

#### **Outline planning application:**

Whilst the stadium extension was deemed acceptable in terms of scale and form, the proposed 'bulky high-rise' hotel and apartment blocks were deemed by the panel to have a more harmful impact on the heritage assets and the wider city skyline. The panel acknowledged the precedents of recent high rise developments such as development at the University of Leicester, but concluded that the proposed blocks visually detracted from the stadium's landmark new stand and would cause significant harm to the setting of various heritage assets, such as the Raw Dykes and Welford Road Cemetery.

The panel discussed the height of the blocks adjacent the Raw Dykes scheduled monument and expressed concern over the wider landscaping scheme, which did not convincingly engage with the monument. The panel also highlighted the archaeological significance of the Raw Dykes and how this might be investigated and better protected through a more sensitive scheme. Concern was expressed that the group of buildings taken as a whole did not represent a coherent and contextually responsive piece of urban design.

The panel did not comment in detail on the lower scale buildings proposed.

#### OBJECTIONS

#### C) 101-107 Ratcliffe Road, Mary Gee Houses Halls Of Residence Planning Application 20212255

# Demolition of existing buildings. Construction of specialist accommodation for the elderly consisting of apartments with care (Use Class C2), communal facilities, parking

The scheme was assessed as being largely similar to the previous application for the site. Where the design had not been amended, the elements that had previously been of concern were considered to still be so. Changes to the detailing and materials of the main elevation were considered to be mixed in terms of impact. The change in the materials of the frontage windows from UPVC to metal was considered positive, but the panel suggested all elevations should be subject to this change. The design of the upper part of the central element was considered to be top heavy and a harmful change, while the balconies and detailing remained somewhat incoherent.

#### COMMENT DEFERRED

## The following applications were reported for Members' information but no additional comments were made.

Further details on the cases below can be found by typing the reference number into:

http://rcweb.leicester.gov.uk/planning/onlinequery/mainSearch.aspx

The Lansdowne, 123 London Road Planning Application 20212297

Installation of two internally illuminated fascia signs and one internally illuminated projecting sign (Class A3)

17 Granby Street Planning Application 20212262

Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign; one non-illuminated facia sign; one internally illuminated double sided projetion sign (Class E)

Spencefield Lane Planning Application 20212363

Installation of 20m telecommunications monopole to replace existing monopole; ancillary development

23-25 Highfield Street Planning Application 20212245

Change of use from industrial/storage (Class B2/B8) to dark kitchen (Sui Generis); installation of ventilation flue

695A Aylestone Road Planning Application 20211596

Construction of single storey extension at rear of house; installation of flue at rear (Class C3); alterations

42 Market Place Planning Application 20212134

Change of use of first and second floors from two self-contained flats (2x2 bed) (Class C3) to two self-contained flats (2x3 bed) (Class C3); construction of third floor extension to create one self-contained flat (1x2 bed) (Class C3); and associated alterations to the ground floor access area.

18 Linton Street Planning Application 20212055

Construction of single storey outbuilding to side of house (Class C3)

25 St Nicholas Place Planning Application 20212405

Construction of two storey roof top extension to use as office space

(Class E)

Home Farm Close Planning Application 20212582

Installation of 18m high telecommunications monopole; associated ancillary works

225 Evington Lane Planning Application 20212393

Construction of a two storey extension to side and first floor extension to rear of house (Class C3)

23 Shirley Road Planning Application 20212189

Construction of two storey extension at side and rear of house (Class C3); Alterations

2 French Road, St Barnabas Library Planning Application 20211830

Installation of 2 no additional extract fans on side elevation; installation of extract grills on side elevation to a Grade II Listed library (Class F1)

8 St Johns Road Planning Application 20212392

Construction of a single storey extension at rear of house (Class C3)

1A Portland Towers Planning Application 20211320

Retrospective application for conversion of one self-contained flat (2bed) (Class C3) on ground floor to form two self-contained flats ( 2 X 1bed) (Class C3)); alterations to front door

43 Shirley Road Planning Application 20212076

Demolition of garage at side; raised ridge height; construction of single

storey extension at front; single and two storey extensions at side; single and two storey extensions at rear; detached carport at front of house (Class C3); alterations

55 Granby Street Planning Application 20212104

Retrospective application for installation of three internally illuminated fascia signs and two internally illuminated projecting signs to hot food takeaway (Sui Generis)

Orton Square Planning Application 20212616

Installation of temporary Art Exhibition (Class F1(b))

35 Devonshire Road Planning Application 20211942

Retrospective installation for seven internally illuminated fascia signs to front side and rear of retail unit; three non-illuminated fascia signs to the front and side; one internally illuminated double sided free-standing sign to front of site; seven non-illuminated free standing signs to front, side, and rear of site (Class E)

36 Mantle Road Planning Application 20212272

Conversion of existing garage to provide additional living space; construction of first floor extension at rear of flats (Class C3); alterations

22-32 Wellington Street, Wellington House Planning Application 20212627

Non-material amendment to planning permission 20211204 (minor change to facade)

7-9 Victoria Mews, De Montfort Place Planning Application 20212002

Construction of a second storey extension to create two new flats (2 x 1 bed) (Class C3); alterations

#### 28-30 Market Street Planning Application 20212314

Installation of new shopfront to shop to provide two retail spaces (Class E)

213 Mere Road Planning Application 20212526

Construction of single storey extension at rear of house (Class C3)

Waterloo Way, Bus Shelter Outside Peat House Planning Application 20212296

Installation of double-sided internally illuminated digital display to bus shelter (No use class)

19 East Avenue Planning Application 20211792

Change of use from house in multiple occupation (10 beds) (Class C4) to seven flats (6 x 1 bed, 1 x 2 bed) (Class C3); alterations (Amended 13/10/2021)

15 Knighton Park Road Planning Application 20212258

Construction of hardstanding at front and side; 1.8m high brick boundary wall at side; 1.8m high pillar at front; installation of 1.8m high timber fence; 1.8m high sliding timber electric gate at side of house (Class C3)

Melbourne Hall Evangelical Free Church, St Peters Road Planning Application 20212453 & 20212454

Installation of handrails and construction of replacement ramp to front; installation of lighting, bollards, hard surfacing and 1.4m high railings and construction of 0.3m high walls to front and sides; installation of 1.1m high railings and reconstruction of retaining walls to side and construction of ramp and steps to rear of place of worship (Class F1); works to trees covered by tree preservation order; alterations & Internal and External Alterations to Grade II\* Listed Building 178 Mere Road Planning Application 20212520

Replacement of front and side windows and front door to Timber and rear windows and rear door to UPVC (Class C3)

25A Stoughton Street South Planning Application 20212367

Construction of two 2.5 storey houses (2x3 bed) (Class C3)

28 Knighton Drive Planning Application 20212408

Alterations, partial demolition and construction of single storey extension and replacement dormer at rear; installation of rooflights at front and rear; replacement of sash windows with double glazed windows; refurbishment of front door; demolition of front boundary wall and hardsurfacing of forecourt and formation of vehicle access to create offstreet car parking at front of house (Class C3)

184-186 Gipsy Lane Planning Application 20212558

Alterations to shop front; change of use from betting office (Sui Generis) and flat (Class C3) to restaurant (Class E); installation of external flue pipe at rear

113-117 London Road Planning Application 20212274

Demolition of rear single-storey extension; change of use from offices (Class E) to student accommodation (Sui Generis) (15 x studios, 4 x 1 bed, 3 x 2 bed); parking and bin store at rear; construction of bay window at front; two-storey extension at rear; two second floor infill extensions at rear; installation of solar panels at rear; alterations

3 Berridge Street, Phoenix House Planning Application 20211955

Installation of replacement windows to front and rear of flats (Class C3)

#### 2 Stoneygate Road, De Montfort Court, Flat 4 & 5 Planning Application 20212286

Installation of roof access; replacement of stairwell enclosure to flats (Class C3)

University Road, Engineering Building University Of Leicester Planning Application 20212450

External alterations to listed building to partially remove and rebuild to a lower height 2 chimney stacks to the North East elevation of the Engineering Design Laboratory.

54 Ratcliffe Road, The Knowle Planning Application 20212807

Demolition of single storey outbuildings at side and rear; construction of single and two storey extension at side, single storey extension at rear of house (Class C3)

**NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 19th January 2022** 

Meeting Ended – 18:30





#### CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) 190 London Road Planning Application <u>20212876</u>

Construction of detached three storey building to provide 8 flats ( $2 \times 1$  bed,  $6 \times 2$  bed) (Class C3); provision of soft and hard landscaping, car and bicycle parking, bin store

The site is located in the Evington Footpath Conservation Area.

The application is for the construction of a new three storey residential block, with associated bin/cycle stores, parking and landscaping on a backland site.

#### B) 47 Clarence Street Planning Application 20212369

## Construction of 7 Storey Building To Provide 70 No. Student Studio Flats and one cluster flat (70x Studio, 1x 10 bed cluster flat) (Sui Generis)

The site is located adjacent to the Locally Listed Lee Circle Multistorey Carpark and is close to St Georges Conservation Area and the Grade II Listed Clarence House.

The application is for the construction of a seven-storey block of flats on a currently cleared site.

C) 101-107 Ratcliffe Road, Mary Gee Houses Halls Of Residence Planning Application <u>20212255</u>

Demolition of existing buildings. Construction of specialist accommodation for the elderly consisting of apartments with care (Use Class C2), communal facilities, parking The site under consideration is located within the Stoneygate Conservation Area, currently occupied by a series of low-lying 1970s brick student accommodation blocks. The Grade II\* No.32 Ratcliffe Road and Grade II Listed Nos. 34 - 36 are located to the immediate south-west of the site. The proposal entails demolition of the 20<sup>th</sup> century development and construction of a new comprehensive care home development.

The following applications are reported for Members' information and will not be presented unless a specific request is made by 2.00pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please contact Justin Webber (4544638).

Further details on the cases below can be found by typing the reference number into: http://rcweb.leicester.gov.uk/planning/onlinequery/mainSearch.aspx

153-155 London Road & Rear Coach House Planning Application 20211630

Change of use of ground floor from shop (Class E) to mixed use restaurant and takeaway; change of use of first and second floor HiMOs (2x4 bed) (Class C4) to mixed use

1 Andrewes Street Planning Application 20212516

Installation of awnings to the front of restaurant (Class E)

35 West Street Planning Application 20212411

Construction of dormer to front; installation of two roof lights to front of HMO (Class C4)

11 St Margarets Street, Citygate House Planning Application 20212351

Erection of an external staircase

40 Saxby Street Planning Application 20212688

Change of use from small house in multiple occupation (6 bedrooms) (Class C4) to large house in multiple occupation (9 bedrooms) (Sui Generis)

8 Toller Road Planning Application 20212764

Demolition of existing garage at rear; construction of single and two storey extension at rear; installation of rooflights to front and rear of house (Class C3); alterations

Hazel Street, Hazel Community Primary School Planning Application 20212452

Retrospective application for the installation of an anti climb mesh to existing steel fence and gates around school site (Class F1)

Hazel Street, Hazel Community Primary School Planning Application 20212451

Retrospective application for the installation of an anti climb mesh to existing steel fence and gates around school site (Class F1)

6 Knighton Road Planning Application 20212691

Installation of 2 meter gated entrances and extension of vehicular access at front of house (Class C3)

5 Pendene Road Planning Application 20212871

Construction of stairs at front of annexe; solar panels at side roof of house and annexe (Class C3) alterations

2-4 Humberstone Gate & 1-3 Haymarket Planning Application 20212426

Alterations to shopfront

2-4 Belgrave Gate Planning Application 20212755

Change of use of part first floor, part second floor from storage and office ancillary to shop (Class E) and extension of roof to create 3 self-contained flats (2x1 bed and 1x2 bed) (Class C3)

Corporation Road, Abbey Pumping Station Museum Planning Application 20212904

Construction of new entrance and new fire exit and level access walkway to southern facade; Internal works to improve fire safety of the building (Class F2)

Corporation Road, Abbey Pumping Station Museum Listed Building Consent 20212905

Internal and external alterations to Grade II listed building to construction a new entrance, fire exit, and level access walkway to southern facade; and to improve fire safety of the building (Class F2)