

# **MEETING OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL**

DATE:WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 2023TIME: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 S. Bowyer	-	Royal Town Planning Institute 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	-	20 <sup>th</sup> Century Society
C. Jordan	-	Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society
S. Bird	-	Diocesan Advisory Committee
M. Taylor	-	Institute of Historic Building Conservation
M. Davies	-	De Montfort University
D. Fountain	-	Leicester School of Architecture
C. Sanliturk	-	Loughborough University

A. Murakhovski- student member of the panel

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> February 2023 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 February 2023

### Meeting Started 5:15 pm

#### Attendees

R. Gill (Chair), R. Lawrence (Vice Chair), N. Feldmann, (LRSA), S. Bowyer (LCS), P. Ellis (VS), M. Taylor (IHBC), Cllr S. Barton, S. Hartshorne (TCS), C. Hossack (LHIS), S. Bird (DAC), M. Richardson (RTPI), D. Fountain (LSA).

#### **Presenting Officers**

J. Webber (LCC), S. Peppin Vaughan (LCC)

#### 217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

C. Jordan (LHAS), D. Martin (LRGT), M. Davies (DMU), C. Sanliturk (LU), A. Al Touqi (student), A. Murakhovski (student).

#### 218. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 219. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Panel agreed the notes.

#### 220. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) 71 Princess Road West-Waterloo House, 80 Regent Road-Regent House & Land South of Regent Road between Tigers Way and West Street

Planning Application 20222167

Change of use from Offices (Class E (g) i)) and construction of single and two storey roof extensions to provide student accommodation (270 beds)(Sui Generis); and construction of new five storey student accommodation block (57 beds) (Sui Generis) on existing car park site; associated parking and landscaping

Listed Building Consent <u>20222168</u> Internal and external works to Listed Building (Grade II).

The panel noted the high-quality urban environment in this part of the

Conservation Area and the landmark quality of the Grade II Listed Building sitting within the proposed development site. The uniformity of parapet lines along Regent Road was noted and that this had been respected in new developments in the area. The panel focussed initially on the extension to the Listed Building and concluded that the proposed two storey mansard would severely undermine the character and architectural integrity of the building and the wider area both with respect of increased massing and a discordant architectural style. They were critical both of the scale of the extension and also its detailing, which exacerbated its visual dominance and incompatibility as a new element read subserviently to the host building. The panel contended that the existing parapet and the silhouette it presented on the skyline were important and additional mass in this section were not compatible with the most significant and sensitive elevation of the Listed Building. The panel considered the existing rear extension to the Listed Building to be of more modest architectural quality and concluded that a single-storey mansard extension would be less harmful here as this element might help define it as more distinct development, heling give it a stronger apex.

The panel considered the existing landscaped car park space to the south to have a strong function in terms of the character of the area, providing both key views across it to the wider townscape and being compatible with the wider morphology of New Walk. It was noted that it had historically been garden space and that the boundary walls and trees were complementary to the historic character of the area. They considered that a development proposal here was constrained and that the scheme proposed related poorly to its context. The panel were critical of the scale of the block proposed, which would be harmful to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Concern was expressed about the setting of the adjacent Listed Building, the southfield cottages and the row of houses on West Street. It was further felt that a tunnelling impact would be created along Regent Road and that long-distance views of the spire of the Grade II listed Holy Trinity Church would be negatively impacted on. The architectural response was considered to be unauthentic to its local setting, with a form and detailing that exacerbated its visual discordance.

Overall, it was felt that the submitted proposal would have a harmful impact on the Conservation Area and the other surrounding heritage assets.

#### OBJECTIONS

# B) Old Church Street, Land adjacent to Meadow Court Planning Application <u>20222349</u>

# Construction of flats (4 x 2 bed); associated car parking and landscaping (Class C3).

The panel had no objection to the principle of developing this plot of land and considered that the general scale and massing were reasonable. They considered that the layout addressed the junction positively and the overall height was appropriate. However, they raised concerns about the quality of the

material submitted and various aspects of design detail. The panel were not satisfied that sufficient information had been provided to allow a proper consideration of the proposal, particularly in relation to materials, such as brick types. The panel raised concerns about the scale of the proposed gable features noting they would be taller and larger than others within the street scene. Concern was also raised about the scale of the void extending into the gables. It was felt there was a lack of detailing and articulation throughout the design with the large, blank side elevations being of particular concern. The front boundary treatment was noted as potentially being somewhat oppressive due to its height and form. More work was needed on the detailing, particularly on the highly visible side elevations.

#### SEEK AMENDMENTS

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

#### 1 Lineker Road, Filbert Village Planning Application 20222355

Installation of external re-cladding and remedial facade works to student accommodation

21 Elms Road Planning Application 20222405

Installation of replacement of windows on front elevation of house (Class C3)

37 Sanvey Lane Planning Application 20222277

Demolition of outbuilding at rear; alterations; construction of single storey extension at rear and two storey extensions at side and rear of house (Class C3); widening of vehicular access at front

28 St Barnabas Road, Barnabas Hall Planning Application 20221839

Variation of condition 6 (plans); approval of details for condition 2 (details) attached to planning permission 20211287

1-5 Market Place, Market Tavern Planning Application 20222285

External alterations to Grade II listed building

Highcross Street, Great Central Street and All Saints Open Planning Application 20222242

Variation of conditions 3 (accommodation approved), condition 4 (approved heights), condition 10 (cycle parking), condition 13 (SuDs), condition 14 (drainage condition), condition 24 (waste management) and condition 27 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 20210523: (Construction of purpose built student accommodation (Sui Generis) with communal ancillary space and roof terrace.(Amended plans)(S106 agreement)): To increase number of student rooms, add a sub-station, reconfigure the entrance, move and increase size of plant room and cycle store, adjust bin store and revise the drainage strategy.

176-178 Highcross Street Planning Application 20222241

Change of use from retail (Class E) to student accommodation (13x studio flats) (Sui Generis); ancillary gym, construction of dormer extension.

77 Braunstone Gate Planning Application 20222240

Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign (Class E)

11 East Gates Planning Application 20222467

Installation of 2 Internally illuminated replacement fascia signs; 1 internally illuminated replacement strapline to front and side of restaurant (Class E)

58 Fosse Road South Planning Application 20222474

Change of use from house (Class C3) to two flats (1 x 2 Bed & 1 x 3 Bed) (Class C3)

14 Salisbury Road Planning Application 20221382

Change of use from education facility (Class F1) to four flats (1 x 1 bed, 2 x 2 bed & 1 x studio); construction of single storey extension at rear; alterations; ancillary bin storage and cycle storage (amended plans 27/01/2023)

68 High Street Planning Application 20222344

Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign; replacement panels for one internally-illuminated projecting sign

86-92 Regent Road, Enkalon House Planning Application 20222299

Change of use of ground, first, fourth and fifth floors from office use (Class E) to a mixed use comprising educational use and office use (Sui Generis)

15 King Street Planning Application 20221224

Installation of awning at front of cafe (Class E)

10 Frog Island, One Centre Planning Application 20222430

Installation of canopy and disabled access along with reconfiguration of existing staircase to front; installation of 2m high fence and gates to side and rear; construction of single and two storey extension to rear of place of worship (Class F1); Alterations

159 Mere Road Planning Application 20221830

Construction of fourth floor extension to form one flat (1 x studio) (Class C3)

84 - 86 Granby Street, Pavement outside

Planning Application 20230048

Installation of double sided, internally illuminated free standing digital sign

Unit 1a Ground Floor Faraday Works, Temple Road Planning Application 20230001

Change of use from retail unit (Class E) to function hall (Class F2)

21 Samuel Street Planning Application 20230051 & 20230054

Discharge of conditions attached to planning approval 20220046: condition 2 (Materials) & Discharge of conditions attached to planning approval 20220045: Conditions 3 (Drainage), 4 (Signage Details), 5 (Roller Shutters to Remain Open), 6 (Parking/Service Area Retained) & 7 (Provision of Footway Crossings)

3 De Montfort Street Planning Application 20230125

Change of use from offices (Class E) to house in multiple occupation (7 persons) (Sui-Generis); replacement of existing windows; external alterations; installation of fence, gates, cycle shelter and bin store at rear

10 Talbot Lane Planning Application 20230102 & 20230103

Change of use from house in multiple occupation (11 bed) (sui generis) to six self-contained flats (5 x 1 bed, 1 x 2 bed) (Class C3); installation of six velux windows at front and rear; solar panels at rear; reinstatement of an existing basement window &

Internal and external alterations to grade II listed building

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 15th March 2023

Meeting Ended – 18:45





### CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

12<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

#### A) Leicester Museum & Art Gallery, New Walk (pre-app)

The site is located within the New Walk Conservation Area and the building is Grade II Listed. A presentation from the project architect will take place.

### B) Leicester Cycle Storage & Amenity Space Design Guide

A presentation on the draft design guide will take place. Consultation page

# C) Abbey Park Road, Land to north Planning Application 20230062

Construction of 61 dwellings (26 x 2bed, 30 x 3bed, 5 x 4bed) (Class C3); 4 two storey maisonettes (8 x 1bed) (Class C3); four storey building comprising 41 flats (30 x 1bed, 11 x 2bed) (Class C3); associated access; roads; parking; landscaping).

The site is located opposite Abbey Park, which is Grade II\* Registered, and West Lodge, which is Grade II Listed.

The application is for a new housing estate on a cleared plot, with parking and landscaping.

The following applications are reported for Members' information and will not be presented unless a specific request is made by 2.00pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Please contact Justin Webber (4544638).

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

77 Braunstone Gate Planning Application 20222239 Installation of shopfront (Class E)

Canning Place, Leeson Building Planning Application 20222369

Change of Use from industrial building to eight storage and distribution units (Class B8) and one retail unit (Class E) on the ground floor and ten office units on the first

116 Granby Street Planning Application 20222340

Change of use from storage (Class B8) to five self contained student flats (5x1 Bed) (Sui Generis)

Hanover Close, land at rear Planning Application 20222409

Installation of wooden cabin to the rear of flats (Class C3); associated works

2 Central Avenue Planning Application 20222120

Replacement of timber windows with new white timber heritage casement windows (Class C3)

St Mary's Church Hall, Lidster Close Planning Application 20222291

Installation of replacement windows, doors and rooflight; construction of replacement access ramp at side and rear; alterations to church hall (Class F2)

1 Garrick Walk, Haymarket Theatre Planning Application 20222432

Replacement of existing security gate and railings at Ground Floor (Street) level to Stage Door entrance staircase with new glazed screen and glazing (Class Su Generis)

2-4 St Georges Way Planning Application 20222453

Change of use from offices (Class E) to hotel (14 Bed) (Class C1); construction of additional storey to create two additional bedrooms

1-5 Market Place, Market Tavern Planning Application 20222284

Installation of door at front of shop (Class A1)

29 Upper King Street Planning Application 20230050

External alterations to Grade II listed building

28 Knighton Drive Planning Application 20230037

Alterations, partial demolition and construction of single storey extension and replacement dormer at rear; refurbishment of sash windows; installation of rooflights at front and rear; and demolition of chimney stack at rear of house (Class C3)

179 Granby Street Planning Application 20230141

Internal and external alterations to Grade II Listed Building

8 Ratcliffe Road Planning Application 20230172

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

292 Victoria Park Road Planning Application 20230161

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

15 Elms Road, Lester Hall Apartments Planning Application 20230063

Replacement of brick pillars and gates at front of care home (Class C2)

5 Lee Street, Telecommunications Exchange Planning Application 20230273 Installation of ventilation louvres to ground floors of the east and west elevation (Sui Generis)

14 Toller Road Planning Application 20230359

Alternations to the single storey at rear; Raise the eaves at rear and Installation of solar panels to rear of house (Class C3)

90 Highcross Street Advertisement Application 20230241

Installation of seven internally illuminated fascia signs; three non illuminated fascia sign and two internally illuminated projecting signs to west, north and east elevations of casino (Sui Generis).

1-13 Granby Street Listed Building Consent / Advertisement Application 20230339 & 20230335

Internal and external alterations to Grade II listed building / Installation of 4 x internally illuminated fascia signs, 2 x internally illuminated projecting signs; 2 x opening times signs, 1 x digital display screen and 6 x vinyl window screens

33 Westleigh Road Planning Application 20230132

Replacement of ground and first floor windows at front with timber double glazed windows; replacement of second floor windows at front and all windows on side and rear elevations with UPVC double glazed windows; replacement of existing timber door and panel over with UPVC double glazed door and panel over at rear

Unit 4 Haymarket Towers, 17 Humberstone Gate Advertisement Application 20230382

Installation of one externally illuminated fascia sign; one internally illuminated projecting sign; installation of two internally illuminated free standing signs; Installation of one external window vinyl (Sui generis).

25 Southernhay Close Planning Application 20230304

Construction of single storey extension at front; dormer window to the front; single storey extension at rear of bungalow and alterations (Class C3)

16 East Park Road Planning Application 20230212

Construction of extension at side of industrial building (Class B2)

6 Salisbury Road Planning Application 20230357

Change of use from Education facility (Class F1) to four self-contained flats (3x1 bed; 1x2 bed) (Class C3); removal of tree at front; alterations

22-24 Market Street Advertisement Application 20230145

Installation of four non illuminated fascia signs; one externally illuminated hanging sign (Class E)

18 Elmfield Avenue Advertisement Application 20230396

Demolition of single storey garage at side; Construction of single storey extension at side and rear of house; alterations (Class C3)