

Minutes of the Meeting of the CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON Wednesday, 17 January 2024

Meeting Started 5:15 pm

Attendees

R. Gill (Chair), R. Lawrence (Vice Chair), M. Richardson (RTPI), M. Taylor (IHBC), S. Hartshorne (TCS), N. Feldmann, (LRSA), C. Hossack (LIHS), D. Martin (LRGT), S. Bird (DAC), N. Finn (LAHS), P. Ellis (VS), S. Sharma (DMU).

Presenting Officers

- J. Webber (LCC)
- J. Simmins (LCC)

257. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

S. Bowyer (LCS), D. Fountain (DMU), M. Davies (DMU), Cllr S. Barton, C. Sanliturk (LU), J. Aspey (student), S. Forde (student).

258. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D. Martin lives in the Knighton Area

259. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Panel agreed the notes.

260. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

A) Rear of 38 St James Road (pre-app presentation)

The Panel thanked John Hackman for his presentation. They were in agreement that the new proposal for a single two storey dwelling represented an improvement over the original scheme for two bungalows, which were considered out of keeping. Members liked the simplicity of the new contemporary design. They complimented the crisp detailing of the rear gable, and discussed whether it would be beneficial to make all the gables the same. There was some discussion on the proposed material palette, on the maintenance requirement of timber boarding and whether a single material, such as a good quality brick throughout, would be preferable. Some members felt the single storey element could be improved and suggested omitting this

element or amending it. All members were in agreement that views from Abingdon Road will be critical when the scheme is resubmitted for consideration, as the increased height would mean it would be visible above the existing brick boundary wall.

B) Presentation on new documents relating to Knighton Village Conservation Area

The Panel thanked SPV on an excellent presentation. Members supported the conclusions reached in the character assessment and agreed with the proposed boundary changes. They praised the decision to consider some of the early 20th century houses, which they agreed are fine representations of domestic architecture from this period. There were some questions on the removal of the front gardens of Church Lane, members noted that the Conservation Area benefits from the green and leafy character along the historic route to the church.

The panel made no comments on the following:

160 Hinckley Road, Wyggestons Hospital

Planning Application 20231106

External alterations and installation of new windows to William House (Class C2) (AMENDED PLANS RECIVED 06/12/2023) flat

46 Wentworth Road

Planning Application 20231975

Construction of dormer extension at rear of house (Class C3)

331 London Road

Planning Application 20232222

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

23 St Johns Road

Planning Application 20232372

Outline application for construction of two houses (2 x 4 bed) (Class C3) including access, appearance, layout and scale with landscaping reserved

17 Halford Street

Planning Application 20231861

Alterations to shop front; construction of second floor extension at rear (Class E)

108 Granby Street

Planning Application 20232133

Installation of shopfront at front of building; alterations (Class E)

91 Stoughton Drive North

Planning Application 20232275

Alterations and conversion of garage to rooms; construction of single storey extensions at side/rear and front of house (Class C3)

20 Grenfell Road

Planning Application 20232092

Alterations and conversion of garage to rooms; construction of single storey extensions at front and rear of house (Class C3)

17 Halford Street

Planning Application 20232175

Installation of ventilation flue at rear of hot food takeaway (Sui Generis)

182 London Road

Planning Application 20232242

Installation of replacement of timber windows and doors with UPVC windows and doors to offices (Class E)

36-42 Friday Street

Planning Application 20221840

Demolition of existing buildings and structures. Construction of two x five storey residential buildings with a central single storey podium, providing 88 flats (1 x Studio, 40 x 1 bed and 47 x 2 bed)(Class C3); an ancillary residents clubhouse, hot desk space and residents only gym, facility management office, car parking and communal amenity space.(Amended Plans)(s106 agreement)

72 Friday Street, Parkside House

Planning Application 20232107

Installation of replacement door and access ramp to north elevation (Class F2)

201 Knighton Road, Cradock Arms

Advertisement Application 20231618

Installation of one externally illuminated fascia sign; one internally illuminated fascia sign; one externally illuminated projecting sign; one externally illuminated totem sign; three externally illuminated wall signs; two non-illuminated wall signs; two internally illuminated wall signs to public house (Sui Generis)

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 14th February 2024

Meeting Ended – 18:15