

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2012

TIME: 5:15 pm

PLACE: THE FOUNTAIN ROOM - GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL,

**TOWN HALL SQUARE, LEICESTER** 

### **Members of the Panel**

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

Councillor Dr. S Barton, Councillor M Unsworth 4 Labour Vacancies, 1 Opposition Vacancy

Dr J Eaton - Ancient Monuments Society

Vacancy - Council for the Preservation of Rural England

Vacancy - English Heritage

Vacancy - Institution of Civil Engineers

D Trubshaw - Institute of Historic Building Conservation

J Clarke - The Landscape Institute
H. Eppel - Leicester Civic Society

Rev. R. Curtis - Leicester Diocesan Advisory Committee
D Martin - Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust
J Fox - Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects
M. Johnson - Leicestershire Archaeological & Historical Society

P Draper - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

S Pointer - Royal Town Planning Institute

S Britton - University of Leicester J Goodall - Victorian Society

D Lyne - Leicestershire Industrial History Society

M Elliott, Prof P Swallow, C Sawday, J Garrity, 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

Appendix A

The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 are attached and the Panel is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 5. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Appendix B

The Director, Planning and Economic Development 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 and Democratic Support Officer in advance of the meeting if they have urgent business that they wish to be considered.



### Appendix A



Minutes of the Meeting of the CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL

Held: WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2012 at 5.15pm

### PRESENT:

### R. Lawrence –Vice Chair

Councillor Dr. S Barton

H Eppel - Leicester Civic Society

D. Martin - Leicestershire and Rutland Gardens Trust

J. Fox
 Leicestershire and Rutland Society of Architects
 M. Johnson
 Leicestershire Archaeological & Historical Society

P. Draper - Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

S. Britton - University of Leicester

J. Goodall - Victorian Society

C. Sawday - Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge
 C. Laughton - Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge
 M. Elliott - Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge
 Prof. P Swallow - Person Having Appropriate Specialist Knowledge

### Officers in Attendance:

Jeremy Crooks - Building Conservation Officer

Jenny Timothy - Senior Building Conservation Officer

James Simmins - Building Conservation Officer Graham Carey - Democratic Services Officer

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#### 15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Michael Unsworth, Richard Gill, Rev Richard Curtis and David Lyne.

### 16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

### 17. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

**RESOLVED:** 

that the minutes of the meeting of the Conservation Advisory

Panel held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 be confirmed as a correct record.

### 18. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### 19. CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

### A) CONNECTING LEICESTER

The City Mayor was consulting on a programme of City Centre projects and key investment priorities which seek to encourage greater connectivity. The focus was on linking the many unique heritage, retail, leisure and cultural highlights of the City to create a strong and vibrant centre. <a href="https://www.leicester.gov.uk/connectingleicester">www.leicester.gov.uk/connectingleicester</a>

The City Mayor gave a presentation on the above.

Members made the following comments;

- Would it ever be possible to balance the issue of car versus City?
- It was noted about how wonderful the old Fish Market was in the 1960s and that it was not so accessible today in its current location.
- Is the Market Place in the right place and thought that the Market Place could be used to create a new civic space?
- Concerns raised regarding buses being diverted away from the main shopping areas.
- Several members raised concerns over the issue of the pedestrian/cyclist conflict. It was suggested that cyclists should be allowed to ride on the pavement but spot fines introduced for cyclists misusing the footways. Some cycleways in the city make no sense one minute off the road the next back on it again – can these be rationalised?
- A free bus service like that in Manchester?
- Regarding the Newarke pedestrianisation it was thought an additional pedestrian crossing across Newarke Street was required.
- York Road was a cheaper option to link New Walk with the Castle area if money is an issue.
- What are the plans for Greyfriars following the discovery of the skeleton?
- More tree planting required. Thoughts that doing away with the television screen at Humberstone Gate for a year and using the monies to plant more trees might be an option.

B) ERSKINE STREET
Planning Application 20121212
Demolition, redevelopment for housing

The site bounded by Erskine, Clyde and Gladstone Street was just to the outside of the St George's Conservation Area.

The application was for the demolition of existing buildings on the site and redevelopment of the site for 17 houses and 6 apartments.

The Panel were very much in favour of this scheme and raised no objections.

The Panel recommended APPROVAL of the application.

# C) CARLISLE STREET, FORMER BLUE MOON PH Planning Application 20120780 Demolition and redevelopment

The building, purpose built for Offilers Brewery Derby, by Browning and Hayes in the 1930s was on the Local List. It had three sister pubs by the same architects in Derby.

The application was for the demolition of the building and redevelopment of the site for six three bedroom town houses and five one bedroom flats.

There was generally a strong feeling that the building was good enough to retain especially as Art Deco was not well represented in Leicester.

The Panel considered the architectural quality of the new buildings was not of sufficient quality to replace the current building.

The Panel recommended REFUSAL of the application.

### D) 451-461 ST SAVIOURS ROAD Planning Application 20121087 Change of use, extension

The building was on the Local List.

The application was for the conversion of the industrial building to 56 residential units and a business centre. The proposal involved a roof top extension.

The Panel felt that they could not make any informed decisions from the drawings submitted as they were not of adequate quality and asked for clearer drawings. They did note the architectural quality of the building and that any scheme should respect this.

### The Panel requested MORE INFORMATION REQUIRED

### E) 36 ST JAMES ROAD

### Planning Application 20121134 & Conservation Area Consent 20121135 Demolition and redevelopment for one dwellinghouse

The site was within the Evington Footpath Conservation Area.

The application was for the construction of a new dwellinghouse. The proposal involved the demolition of an existing garage.

After some debate the general feeling was that the scheme would not affect the character of the conservation area and the Panel raised no objections.

The Panel recommended APPROVAL of the application.

### F) 278 & 278A LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD Planning Application 20120621 Change of use

The building was within the Belgrave Hall Conservation Area

The application was for change of use of the building from shop with living accommodation to ground floor office and three self-contained flats. The proposal involved external alterations including new rooflights to the front and rear roof slopes.

It was noted that whilst this part of the conservation area was not particularly good, roof scapes were intact and the introduction of too many rooflights would cause detriment to the character of the building. The Panel suggested the venting roof light be relocated to the rear or that a vent that matched the slate roof be installed.

### The Panel recommended SEEKING AMENDMENTS

The Panel raised no objections to the following applications:

G) 123-125 LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD Planning Application 20121008
New dwellinghouse

### 20. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

### Appendix B



### **CONSERVATION ADVISORY PANEL**

17<sup>th</sup> October 2012

### **CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

Report of the Director, Planning, Transportation and Economic Development

A) SPENCEFIELD LANE, ST PAULS RC COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL Planning Application 20121283
Three storey building

The proposal site is adjacent to Evington Hall a Grade II listed building

This application is for the construction of a three storey school building, multi use games area and car parking.

B) 8 RATCLIFFE ROAD
Planning Application 20121071
Extensions to house

The building is within the Stoneygate Conservation Area

This application is for alterations and extensions to the house.

C) WESTERN BOULEVARD Planning Application 20121121 Change of use, alterations

The old tram shelter is one of five of a similar design within the city and on the Local List.

This application is for the conversion of the old 1930s tram shelter to a kiosk. The proposal involves external alterations including re-glazing the windows and a roller shutter.

### D) 27 NEWMARKET STREET

Planning Application 20121222

Demolition and redevelopment for two dwellinghouses

The site is within the Knighton Village Conservation Area.

This application is for the construction of two new dwellinghouses. The proposal involves the demolition of existing buildings.

### E) SILVER STREET THE GLOBE PH Planning Application 20121216 Change of use

The building is within the Market Place Conservation Area.

This application is for spot lights to both the Silver Street and Carts Lane elevations. The light fittings have already been installed.

### F) 69 KNIGHTON DRIVE Planning Application 20121317 New detached garage

The building is within the Stoneygate Conservation Area.

This application is for a new garage to the rear of the property and visible from Knighton Road.

The following applications are reported for Members' information and will not be presented unless a specific request is made by 12.00 noon on Monday 15th October 2012. Contact Jeremy Crooks (tel. 252 7218), James Simmins (252 7222) or Jennifer Timothy (tel. 252 7296).

# G) 2-2A MARKET PLACE & 8 HOTEL STREET Planning Application 20121344 Alterations to shopfront

The proposal is within the Market Place Conservation Area.

This application is for alterations to the shopfront to remove the canopies and reduce the height of the existing fascia.

H) ST PETERS LANE, ST PETERS CHURCH Planning Application 20121252 Railings, new window

The church is a Grade II listed building.

This application is for reinstatement of railings within the existing piers and walls and a new window within the 1980s extension.

### I) SLATER STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL Listed Building Consent 20121237 Internal alterations

The school is a Grade II listed building

This application is for internal alterations to bring the school up to current fire regulation standards.

### J) 17 GRANBY STREET Listed Building Consent 20121323 Replacement signage

The building is Grade II listed and within the Granby Street Conservation Area

This application is for replacement signage.

### K) KNIGHTON FIELDS ROAD EAST, WHEATSHEAF THEATRE Listed Building Consent 20121278 Internal alterations

The building is Grade II

This application is for internal refurbishment work including removal of the 1980s stud partitions to open up the original space for use as a table tennis venue.

### L) 400 LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD Listed Building Consent 20121270 Replacement signage

The canopy of the petrol filling station has recently been listed Grade II

This application is for replacement signage to the canopies.

# M) RIPON STREET, LAND OPPOSITE NO. 50 Planning Application 20120849 Three storey flat block

The building is just to the outside of the Stoneygate Conservation Area.

This application is for a three storey block of flats.

