

## SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

### Meeting held 18th November, 2014

PRESENT:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
	Dr. Philip Booth	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Tim Hale (Deputy Chair)	Sheffield Chamber of
	Mr. Patrick Burns	Commerce
	Mr. Howard Greaves	Co-opted Member
		Hallamshire Historic
	Mr. Graham Hague	Buildings
	Dr. Roger Harper	Society
	Mr. Bob Hawkins	Victorian Society
		Ancient Monuments Society
	Dr. Jo Lintonbon	Council for the Protection of
	Mr. Bob Marshall	Rural England
	Mr. Philip Moore	University of Sheffield
	Mr. Andrew Shepherd	Royal Town Planning
		Institute
		Sheffield Society of
		Architects
		Society for the Protection of
		Ancient Buildings

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#### 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Stanley Jones (Hunter Archaeological Society) and Mr. Bob Marshall (Royal Town Planning Institute).

#### 2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st October, 2014 were approved as a correct record, subject to:-

(a) the addition, in the attendance, of the words " Mr. Stanley Jones, Hunter Archaeological Society" and the deletion, in the Apologies for Absence of the words "Mr. Stanley Jones (Hunter Archaeological Society)" and

(b) the substitution:-

(i) in item 7(c) of the words "the Crimean Monument was in safe storage. It would be possible to re-install it, but the cost of doing so would be approximately £1m", for the words "it would be safe to re-install the Crimean Monument, but the cost of doing so would be approximately £1m";

(ii) in item 7(d) of the words "there was a proposal to demolish Nos. 162-170 Devonshire Street" for the words "there was a proposal to demolish a Victorian property at Devonshire Green"

(iii) in item 7(e) of the words "Brightholmlee Old Hall Farm had been upgraded to Grade II\* and its two Barns had been listed on Grade II" for the words "Brightholmlee Farm and Barns had been listed" ; and ,

(iv) in item 7(g) of the words " Fireclay Works, Wharncliffe" for the words "Fire Station, Devonshire Street"

and, arising therefrom, the Group noted that:-

(A) Dr. Booth was still pursuing the possibility, that a representative of the had been

Landscape Institute on the Group could be found, and two suitable people had been

recommended to him;

(B) it was still the case that no arrangements had been made for a presentation to the

Group on the University of Sheffield's Masterplan, in spite of the fact that the Group was

a stakeholder. The Group noted that the Masterplan was available on the University's

website, but not everyone had access to the Internet and it felt that the Group's comments on the Masterplan should be received now, rather than after the consultation

period;

(C) the Chair (Dr. Booth) had not received a response to his letters (1) to Councillor

Davison, regarding his representation of the City Council on the Group and (2) to the

Civic Trust, regarding its nominating a representative on the Group, to replace Mrs.

Christine Ball. Councillor Lee Bramall had indicated that Councillor Alan Law was a

representative of the Council on the Group;

(D) the development of the Non-Conformist Chapel of the General Cemetery was still

stalled;

(E) an application had been received, regarding the discharge of conditions regarding

planning permission for development at Barnes Hall, Grenoside;

(F) the Head of Planning would request Network Rail to remove buddleias from the Wicker

Arches, which had been affected by water ingress at the Savile Street side;

(G) the number of flats in the conversion scheme for St. Silas Church, Hanover Square,

had been increased. The Head of Planning felt that it should not adversely affect the

Church. Nonetheless, English Heritage had objected to the application;

(H) permission had been given for the demolition of 31 Brick House; the new, shorter

(I) the press advertisements of planning applications, which complied with the legal

regulations, would not be expanded as there was no finance for that, but the Weekly List

of applications, which gave more information, could be supplied on request and were

available on the Council's website;

(I) it was difficult to tell whether the existing lintels were wood, or brick or stone within the

development at W W Laycock And Sons Ltd, 33 - 41 Suffolk Road;  
(J) the Jeffcock Memorial Drinking Fountain and Water Trough, Handsworth Road,  
would be moved a short distance to improve access for buses and a more paving around  
the structures;  
(K) the former premises of Warriss and Co, 104 Mary Street had recently been included  
by Save Britain's Heritage (SAVE) on a list of the ten most significant buildings at risk, in  
the country. The Victorian Society was seeking a meeting with the City Council, regarding  
the building; and  
(L) the buildings at 162-170 Devonshire Street, subject to a proposal to demolish their  
facades, included Rare and Racy bookshop but they were Twentieth Century buildings  
and at least one of the frontages had been rebuilt. There had been 20k objections to the  
proposal in an on-line petition.

3. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Group noted that there was nothing to report under this item.

4. **HEAD OF PLANNING'S REPORT**

The Head of Planning reported that approval and funding had been granted for carrying  
out early in 2015, urgent works at Leah's Yard, involving basic repairs and works to make  
the property wind and weathertight.

The Group noted the information.

5. **SHEFFIELD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN PANEL**

The Group noted that the meeting of the Sheffield Design Panel, scheduled for this  
month, had been cancelled, but the Panel would be meeting next year to consider the  
New Retail Quarter scheme and other large schemes.

6. **HERITAGE ASSETS**

The Group considered the following applications for planning permission for development affecting Heritage Assets and made the observations stated:-

- (a) **Site Of 48 Savile Street Sheffield S4 7UD**  
Demolition of building  
(Case Number: 14/02161/LBC)

The Group strongly objected to the proposal, for which it felt there was no justification for the demolition of the listed building. The Group considered that the property could be restored to a useful life with a development incorporating what was a rare, historic building which reflected the role played by timberyards in the steel industry. The Group recognised the applicant's ambition, but it felt that the Heritage Assessment did not provide justification for demolition and in view of the fact that there were schemes for the development of Spital Hill and Attercliffe, the scheme was perhaps precipitate. The Group noted that the Victorian Society had expressed its view that a more appropriate scheme, which tidied up the site, while retaining the building could be acceptable

- (b) **Site Of NCP Car Park Sidney Street Sheffield S1 4RG**  
Redeveloped of site into a riverside park with seating areas and terracing to provide access down to the water's edge for recreational use (Application under Reg 3 - 1992)  
**(Case Number: 14/04010/RG3)**

The Group welcomed the development. The Group recommended the provision of an interpretation board, on the site.

## 7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Members of the Group reported on developments affecting Heritage Assets and Conservation Areas and the Group (a) noted that:-

- (i) Ruth Connelly, Conservation Officer, had married on 15th November last;
- (ii) The Walkabout organisation, owner of the former Carver Street Chapel, had been sold;
- (iii) the Head of Planning would investigate and report back, on (A) signs outside offices on Wharf Street, (B) the recent restoration of the public realm areas on Fargate and Surrey Street, following works in those areas, (C) the Local List, (D) progress with the designation of the Milton Street area as a Conservation Area and (E) Cow Mouth Farm and would try to gain access to the Farm;
- (iv) Bryan Jefferson, past President of R.I.B.A. and founding partner of Jefferson Sheard, Architects had recently died;
- (v) 210-212, Sharrowvale Road was for sale;
- (vi) there was a campaign involving the Friends of the Old Town Hall and the Twentieth Century Society, to preserve Castlegate House. It was felt

that the Catlegate Tower was also worth preserving and refurbishing. Encouragement and assistance in terms of providing information regarding policy issues and acceptable uses, was provided to such groups by the Head of Planning;

- (vii) the purchaser of the Abbey Glen Laundry had cleared the site and had removed the culvert of the River Sheaf;
- (viii) the National School, Gleadless Road which dated from 1802, but was not listed, was under threat of being demolished;
- (b) extended its congratulations and best wishes to Ruth Connelly on her recent marriage ; and
- (c) congratulated the City Council for the high quality of the recently constructed park near the Cholera Monument, Granville Road.

(Note: these minutes are subject to amendment at a future meeting.)

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