

SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting held 15th March, 2016

| <u>PRESENT:</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Organisation</u> |
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| | Dr. Philip Booth (Chair) | Co-opted Member |
| | Mr. Tim Hale (Deputy Chair) | Sheffield Chamber of Commerce |
| | Mr. Patrick Burns | Co-opted Member |
| | Mr. Rod Flint | Georgian Group |
| | Mr. Howard Greaves | Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society |
| | Mr. Graham Hague | Victorian Society/South Yorkshire Industrial History Society |
| | Dr. Roger Harper | Ancient Monuments Society |
| | Mr. Stanley Jones | Hunter Archaeological Society |
| | Dr. Jan Woudstra | Landscape Institute |

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Prof. Clyde Binfield (Twentieth Century Society), Mr. Rob Darrington (Chartered Institute of Surveyors), Mr. Simon Gedye (Civic Trust), Mr. Bob Hawkins (Council for the Protection of Rural England), Dr. Jo Lintonbon (University of Sheffield), Mr. Bob Marshall (Royal Town Planning Institute) and Mr. Andrew Shepherd (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings).

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February, 2016 were approved as a correct record, subject to the substitution in item 2(D) of the words “stone gateway and coat of arms” in place of the words “gateway with coat arms some of the stonework”; and arising therefrom, the Group noted that:-

(a); John Stonard would report on the Sheffield Retail Quarter development and there would be a presentation on the Urban Design Compendium at the meeting on 20th April next;

(b) the Head of Planning would ensure that Dr. Jan Woudstra would represent the Group, on the Panel which had been established

- to consider the proposals for Amey to remove trees within the City;
- (c) the roof of the former boys school adjacent to the former St Vincent's Church was being replaced. The property was still owned by the parish;
 - (d) the listing of the War Memorial at Barkers Pool, had been upgraded by Historic England to Grade II*;
 - (e) Dr. Booth had not yet received a letter regarding the future meetings of the Sheffield Sustainable Development and Design Panel, but a letter would be sent to him. The aim would be to ensure that the commitment of Members to meetings of the Panel would be less burdensome;
 - (f) the partial demolition of the boundary wall, on the site of Haqqani House, Vincent Road, had been carried out. There was no permission to do something else on the site. Haqqani House had been demolished previously because it had been badly burned and the wall had been demolished because its condition had become dangerous;
 - (g) Mr Hague had visited the Wicker Arches and had found the rendered facades to be acceptable;
 - (h) the interior of 1 West Carr Cottages, David Lane had been removed, but the internal walls were intact. The Head of Planning was processing the planning application regarding the site and had requested a full heritage statement to justify the action which had been taken; and
 - (i) Dr. Woudstra had not yet inspected the plans of Brincliffe Tower.

3. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair (Dr. Booth) reported that (a) Sheffield's first Heritage Conference, on heritage regeneration and the built environment, would be held on 16th April next, at the University of Sheffield and (b) Civic Trust's Heritage Open Days would be held on 8th-11th September next.

The Group noted the information.

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

The Head of Planning reported that:-

- (a) Councillor Ian Saunders had been appointed the Heritage Champion of the City Council; and
- (b) the programme for updating the Urban Design Compendium was due to be published next May. There had been workshops for

the Society of Architects, senior officers and Councillors, developers and retailers, which had recommended that attention be paid particularly to trees, housing, public realm and policy issues . There would also be consideration of a Heritage Case, regarding the Star and Garter public house, Winter Street. Consideration would be given to inviting Dr. Booth to attend the event.

The Group noted the information.

5. SHEFFIELD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN PANEL

The Group noted that the next meeting of the Sheffield Sustainable Development and Design Panel would be held on 12th April next.

6. HERITAGE ASSETS

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

**6.1 Use of part of library as café bar, including alterations and refurbishment and erection of two-storey rear extension, at Walkley Library, South Road, Walkley
(Case Number: 16/00623/LBC & 16/00622/FUL)**

The Group felt that there was no objection, in principle, to the development and welcomed the continuity of use of the building.

**6.2 Alterations to gate lodge including demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension at Oakes Park Lodge, School Lane, Norton
(Case Number: 16/00723/LBC & 16/00722/FUL)**

The Group felt that the proposed development was too large, and that the existing extension was more appropriate in its subordination to the Lodge. The Group considered that the replacement should be in stone and the proposed timber cladding was an inappropriate material for an extension. The Group felt that in the proposed development, the verticality of the windows was out of scale, and that an extension should reflect the harmony and language of the cornice and quoins. The Group considered that the contrast of the proposed

development would harm the consistency of the Lodge and timber cladding would be inappropriate. The Group accepted that there could be a need for an extension, but it felt that any extension should be in a different form and materials from those proposed in the current scheme and it should not compete with the architecture of the existing Lodge.

6.3 Single-storey extension, glazed first-floor single-storey link extension and covered seating area, refurbishment of gym building including new mezzanine level, replacement of roof tiles and restoration/replacement of main feature windows to east elevation, replacement of School House windows and timber fence with open metal railings and creation of new pedestrian entrance points, at the gymnasium and music room Sheffield High School For Girls, Rutland Park (Case Number: 16/00832/LBC & 16/00831/FUL)

The Group felt that there was no objection, in principle, to the development, subject to consideration of the potential hazards of children crossing Newbould Lane, opposite to the entrance to King Edward VII School and to the details, particularly regarding the glazed link, being to the satisfaction of the Head of Planning.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Members reported on various developments affecting heritage assets and conservation areas and the Group noted that:-

- (a) Historic England had offered grant aid for restoring the gateposts of the main entrance to Oakes Park;
- (b) the planning application for retrospective planning permission for the use of the Heeley Bank Board Infant School as a nursery would be brought to the next meeting;
- (c) certain rundown shops at the junction of London Road and Abbeydale Road were being repaired. They had had decorative fronts and cornices which had been removed;
- (d) the Lodge of Abbeydale Grange had been restored and extended and was now up for sale;
- (e) the former mill buildings at Millhouses Park, Abbeydale Road South were now for sale;
- (f) the Fleur de Lys was still unoccupied. The developer should be

working on site in the summer;

(g) the Beauchief Hotel, Abbeydale Road South, would be converted to residential use with further new housing on the adjoining car park;

(h) the population of the City was now over 560,000, hence the pressure to develop infill sites and buildings of heritage or architectural merit;

(i) if photographic records of Oakes Park were available, they could only be located, probably, on the Picture Sheffield website;

(j) the 12-storey buildings on Broad Lane opposite Rockingham Street were appalling, but St Luke's National School had been refurbished;

(k) 54-56 Garden Street had been saved from demolition;

(l) the Loch Fyne restaurant, 375-385 Glossop Road, had closed and it was up for sale;

(m) there was no sign of fittings being removed from the interior of the former Adelphi Cinema, Vicarage Road, Attercliffe; and

(n) there had been no announcement, regarding the future of the University Arms, Western Bank.

(Note; These minutes are subject to amendment at a future meeting)

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