

SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting held 18th July, 2017

<u>PRESENT;</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
	Dr. Philip Booth (Chair)	Co-opted Member
	Professor Clyde Binfield	Twentieth Century Society
	Mr. Patrick Burns	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Howard Greaves	Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society
	Mr. Graham Hague	Victorian Society/ South Yorkshire Industrial History Society
	Mr. Tim Hale	Sheffield Chamber of Commerce,
	Dr. Roger Harper	Ancient Monuments Society
	Mr. Bob Hawkins	Council for the Protection of Rural England
	Mick Knott	Civic Trust
	Dr. Jo Lintonbon	University of Sheffield
	Mr. Andrew Shepherd	Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings

1. STANLEY JONES

It was reported that Mr. Stanley Jones, who had represented the Hunter Archaeological Society on the Group, had died recently. The Group placed on record its appreciation of the valuable contribution by Mr. Jones over many years, to the work of the Group and his valuable work, in drawing attention to the great number of timber-framed buildings in South Yorkshire. The Group extended its condolences to his family and observed a minute's silence.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-
Mr. Simon Geddye (Civic Trust), Liz Godfrey (Civic Trust), Mr. Bob Marshall (Royal Town Planning Institute), Councillor Ian Saunders (Sheffield

City Council) and Dr. Jan Woudstra (Landscape Institute).

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 16th May, 2017 were approved as a correct record subject to the substitution:-

- (a) in item 3(i) of the words "Joined Up Heritage" for the words "Joined Up Sheffield", ;
- (b) in item 3(vii)4 (iii) of the words "Mr Rob Murfin" for the words "Mr. Rob Mirfin";
- (c) in item 7.1 of the words "The Group felt that the blind window should not be opened up. The Group considered that the information submitted was inadequate." for the words "The Group felt that the information submitted was inadequate"; and
- (d) in item 7.2 of the words "it was treated sensitively" for the words "it was treated separately"

Arising therefrom, the Group:-

(i) noted that:-

(A) as yet, the Chair had not yet managed to find a replacement for Mr Rod Flint, as the representative of the Georgian Group, on the Advisory Group, or a replacement for Mr. Hale as the Deputy Chair of the Group. The Group also lacked a representative of the Institute of Structural Engineers. The matter of representation on the Group would be considered at the next meeting;

(B) (1) the Civic Trust had reported that its submission relating to the proposed Social Sciences Faculty Building scheme at the corner of Whitham Road and Northumberland Road appeared to have been ignored and nothing had arisen from its input;

(2) both the Group and the Sheffield Sustainable Development and Design Panel (the Panel) had been critical of the scheme regarding its impact on the adjacent conservation areas. The scheme had not been re-submitted to the Panel or to the Group. In its final form, the scheme had been amended quite a lot, with the walls and planting on Northumberland Road being retained. It appeared that the City Council's Plans Sub-Committee had not received the input of the Panel and the objections on grounds of the traffic implications, of the scheme. The question of who had recommended that the scheme be approved, would be investigated; and

(3) the plaque in tribute to former Alderman Gainsford, sometime Chairman of the City Council's Water Committee, located on the railings on Whitham Road, had been removed; and

(C) the post of Head of Planning had been re-designated as Chief Planning Officer; and

(ii) the Group noted, with concern, the apparent failure, above, to consider either its advice or that of the Panel and the Civic Trust.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported that in the light of the loss of several members there was a need to reconsider the Group's constitution. Some organisations that sent representatives might no longer be active in Sheffield, while others that had a city-wide remit were not represented. In particular, if Joined-Up Heritage became a formally constituted organization, it would be appropriate to invite it to nominate a member of the Group. The Chair undertook to look at the matter further and report to a later meeting.

The Group noted the information.

5. REPORT OF CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

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

6. SHEFFIELD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN PANEL

The Group noted that there was no scheduled meeting of the Sheffield Sustainable Development and Design Panel.

7. HERITAGE ASSETS

The Group considered the following applications for planning permission affecting heritage assets and made the observations stated:-

7.1 Application to allow amendments (Application under Section 73 to vary condition number 32) (approved documents) as imposed by planning permission 16/02702/FUL), to allow a revised design to Block C and the rebuilding of the facade to Block D, at William Brothers (Sheffield) Ltd, Green Lane, Shalesmoor.

(Case number 17/01585/FUL)

The Group considered that demolitions should be carried out only where necessary and carefully. The Group considered that measures should be taken to ensure that the materials would be preserved. The Group felt that the scheme at Shalesmoor would be better apart from its setting. The Group felt that measures should be taken to ensure that the structure would be recognisable externally, as well as internally and it should be sensitively restored. The Group welcomed the scheme, which it considered to be a good one.

7.2 Refurbishment works to existing crucible furnace brick structure, at Green Lane.

(Case number 17/02253/LBC)

The Group broadly welcomed the scheme, particularly the retention of the cellar. The Group felt that that the structure should be demolished only where necessary and with care and that the materials should be preserved. The Group considered that measures should be taken to ensure that the furnace would be recognisable externally as well as internally and that it should be sensitively restored.

7.3 Alterations to building to form 55 dwelling units, comprising 28 studio apartments, 1x1 bedroomed apartment, 11x2 bedroomed apartments and 15x3 bedroomed apartments at Viva Health UK Ltd, Heritage House, Heritage Park, 55 Albert Terrace Road.

The Group welcomed the scheme, which it considered to have potential to lift up the surrounding area. The Group had no objection in principle to the scheme, subject to the Chief Planning Officer's approval of the details.

**7.4 Extension to apartment block to form dwelling house on site of former Manor Lodge Primary School, Manor Lane
(Case number 17/01969/FUL)**

The Group felt that it might be possible to achieve the sort of development which was intended, but this particular proposal was unacceptable and would have a detrimental impact on the former school building

(NOTE: following its amendment, application case number 17/00675/FUL (for planning permission for demolition of existing office extension, alterations and extensions to existing building to create 11 apartments and erection of dwelling house and associated access, parking and amenities at Wake Smith and Co., 68 Clarkhouse Road (amended description and amended plans, scanned on 8th June, 2017) was withdrawn from consideration by the Group.)

8. UPDATE

The Chief Planning Officer gave an update report on various matters and the Group noted that :-

- (a) the scheme to develop the Goodwin Centre, Northumberland Road, would be submitted to the Group, even though it was anticipated to have a low impact on the conservation area, because it would affect the adjacent green space;
- (b) the Chief Planning Officer would report further to the Group, at its next meeting, on the proposed development of Carbrook Hall;
- (c) photographs of the present condition of Claremont House, in the Loxley Valley had been submitted by Mr Greaves. The Chief Planning Officer would consider the possibility of issuing a section 215 Notice regarding the property. Claremont House was not a listed structure or a heritage asset;
- (d) the Chief Planning Officer was liaising with a firm of solicitors, regarding Spout House Farm. The estate of the tenants of the property had been declared bankrupt. The tenants had restored the property during the 1970s;
- (e) there were ongoing issues regarding Loxley Chapel. Both the security and stability works had been completed to the satisfaction of Heritage England;
- (f) the theft of paving flags at the General Cemetery was being investigated and

the Chief Planning Officer would report further regarding the matter at the next meeting; and

(g) Network Rail proposed to tidy up and fence off the Wicker Arches, some of which were in a dangerous condition. Most of the Arches were awaiting a commercial use.

9. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Members of the Group reported on development affecting heritage assets and conservation areas and the Group noted that: –

(a) Ruth Harrman had completed 'Yorkshire West Riding, Sheffield and the South' which was being printed and would be published in September next;

(b) the Chief Planning Officer would investigate the possibility of providing a projector at the future meetings, to enable the Group to consider larger drawings;

(c) the University of Sheffield had taken over the former St Vincent's Church, Solly Street;

(d) the Star newspaper had published an article regarding a scheme for the Mount Pleasant, Sharrow Lane. Several expressions of interest had been received regarding the scheme;

(e) a recent Retro article in the Star newspaper regarding Fitzalan Square and the General Post Office had been published, without mentioning that the author of a relevant report, on which the article was based, had been Mr David Cathels, a former Conservation Officer of the City Council;

(f) there was concern at the level of amplified music and the level of noise generally, on Fargate, but this was not a matter to be considered by the Group;

(g) a further sign had been erected on the gable end of Wharf House, at Sheaf Quays and the

brickwork of the structure was in a poor condition. The Chief Planning Officer would consider possible enforcement action regarding the property;

(h) there was no further progress regarding a scheme of development at Holly Street;

(i) on 14th July last, at the former Abbeydale Cinema there had been a screening by Creative Art Development Spaces (C.A.D.S.) of a silent film on the Battle of the Somme. Mr Greaves considered that CADS, which was aiming to obtain a full operator's licence, was doing a good job of running the cinema. He had written an article regarding the cinema for publication by the Star newspaper; and

(j) the former Non-Conformist Chapel of the General Cemetery had recently staged a musical performance.

The Group noted the information.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Group noted that the next meeting would be held on 19th September, next.

(Note; the above minutes are subject to amendment at a future meeting.)

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