

## SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

### Meeting held 9th December, 2014

PRESENT:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
	Dr. Philip Booth (Chair)	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Tim Hale (Deputy Chair)	Sheffield Chamber of Commerce
	Prof. Clyde Binfield	Twentieth Century Society
	Mr. Patrick Burns	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Howard Greaves	Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society
	Mr. Graham Hague	Victorian Society
	Dr. Roger Harper	Ancient Monuments Society
	Mr. Bob Marshall	Royal Town Planning Institute
	Mr. Philip Moore	Sheffield Society of Architects

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

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Lee Barron (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors), Mr. Bob Hawkins (Council for the Protection of Rural England), Mr. Stanley Jones (Hunter Archaeological Society), Dr. Jo Lintonbon (University of Sheffield) and Mr. Andrew Shepherd (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings ).

#### 2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th November , 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, in the Apologies for Absence, the addition of the words "Professor Clyde Binfield (Twentieth Century Society)" and the deletion of the words "Mr. Stanley Jones (Hunter Archaeological Society)" and
- (b) the substitution:-
  - (i) in item 2(D) of the words "Nonconformist Chapel" for the words "Non-Conformist Chapel";
  - (ii) in item 2(G) of the word "Nonetheless" for the word "Nontheless";
  - (iii) in item 2(H) of the words "Brick House Lane" for the words " Brick House";
  - (iv) in item 2(I) of the words " new, shorter press advertisements" for the words "press advertisements"
  - (v) in item 2(J) of the words "and more paving" for the words "and a more paving";
  - (vi) in item 2(L) of the words "they were mid- nineteenth century buildings but at least one of the frontages had been rebuilt in the twentieth century" for the words "they were Twentieth Century buildings and at least one of the frontages had been rebuilt";
  - (vii) in items 7(a)(i) and 7(b) of the words "Ruth Connolly" for the words "Ruth Connelly";
  - (viii) in item 7(vi) of the words "Castlegate Tower" for the words "Catlegate

Tower”; and

(ix) in item 7(vii) of the words “cleared the rest of the site” for the words “” had cleared the site” and the words “ and had de-culverted the River Sheaf” for the words “had removed the culvert of the River Sheaf”;

and, arising therefrom, the Group noted that:-

(A) an individual, known to the Chair (Dr. Booth) was considering joining the Group as a representative of the Landscape Institute;

(B) the development regarding Nos. 162-170 Devonshire Street would be brought to the next meeting as an item of business;

(C) the proposals regarding Leah’s Yard would be made public, as the next stage in its development;

(D) on 10th November last, there had been a meeting between the Head of Planning and the developer of 48 Savile Street;

(E) there had been a meeting between the Head of Planning and Aimey regarding the restoration of the public realm areas on Fargate and Surrey Street, by retaining and restoring the granite setts in those areas;

(F) no further action had been taken recently regarding the Local List of Heritage Assets;

(G) it was felt that the Castlegate Tower should be upgraded. There was a campaign by the Twentieth Century Society to achieve it, but the Director of Planning had received advice that the Tower could not stand on its own; and

(I) Bryan Jefferson had been an active member of this Group.

### 3. **CHAIR’S REPORT**

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

### 4. **HEAD OF PLANNING’S REPORT**

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

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

The Group noted that, currently, the Sheffield Design Panel was not scheduled to meet.

### 6. **HERITAGE ASSETS**

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

- (a) **Internal alterations to a building to create 27 apartments, at W.H.L Keeble Hawson Offices, Old Cathedral Vicarage, 7-15 St James' Row.  
(Case Number: 14/03779/LBC)**

The Group recommended that the applicant should seek professional advice. The Group felt that the scheme was not in scale with the Cathedral. The Group considered that a residential scheme could be acceptable, perhaps in the form of 5 houses, provided that the rhythm of the front elevation and the internal features were brought back. The Group felt that the drawings were clearly inadequate and they should

not be accepted. The Group expressed its concern that the application had been validated, in spite of the fact that the submitted information was manifestly inadequate for a building and a location of such sensitivity.

(b) **Erection of agricultural building at Old May Farm House, Foxhall Lane.**  
**(Case Number: 14/04010/RG3)**

The Group noted that the building was in an area of special character and that an application for it to be listed had been submitted to English Heritage. The Group felt that there were concerns regarding the development' particularly regarding the scale of the access track, the colour of the building and potential tarpauling, which would require landscaping to mitigate its impact on the building.

(NOTE: the Group noted that (a) planning permission had been granted some years previously for the erection of a mixed use development, including a ground floor retail unit and apartments on the upper floors, on the site of 137 West Bar (List No. 14/03218//FUL) and (b) the application for a development at the Freedom Works, 45-53 John Street, (List No. 14/04237) had been withdrawn from consideration by the Group)

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

(a) John Stonard, Urban and Environmental Design Manager, reported on the latest position regarding the New Retail Quarter, the Local List of Heritage Assets and the proposal for the Milton Street Conservation Area.

The Group (i) noted the information, (ii) expressed its wish to be involved in the development of the New Retail Quarter whilst acknowledging that the involvement of the Sheffield Sustainable Development and Design Panel would be essential for the scheme, (iii) urged the City Council to progress work on the Local List as it would identify important buildings, even though local listing did not increase statutory powers of protection and (iv) requested that the proposed Milton Street Conservation Area be submitted to the City Council's Cabinet as a matter of priority, to obtain the necessary approval for the designation of the Conservation Area; and

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

- (i) various features of the former Art School, Psalter Lane, particularly decorative roundels, which were being sought by a number of individuals, might be stored presently at the Museum of Sheffield;

- (ii) The Chair (Dr. Booth) would write to the Curator of an exhibition “Picturing Sheffield”, which was on display at the Millenium Galleries and draw attention to various errors in the captions at the Exhibition;
- (iii) an enquiry regarding the connection between Sergeant Arnold Loosemore, who had been awarded the Victoria Cross during the First World War and certain housing at Stannington appeared to be misguided, as Sergeant Loosemore had lived at Gleadless;
- (iv) the Section 106 obligations requiring the provision of affordable housing in residential developments had been amended, to the extent that they no longer applied to developments of less than 11 units.

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