

## SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

### Meeting held 20th January, 2015

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. Rod Flint	Georgian Group
	Mr. Howard Greaves	Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society
	Mr. Graham Hague	Victorian Society
	Mr. Bob Hawkins	Council for the Protection of Rural England
	Dr. Jo Lintonbon	University of Sheffield
	Mr. Philip Moore	Sheffield Society of Architects

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

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Roger Harper (Ancient Monuments Society), Mr. Stanley Jones (Hunter Archaeological Society) and Mr. Andrew Shepherd (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings ).

#### 2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December, 2014 were approved as a correct record, subject to the substitution:-

(a) in item 2(E) of the word "Amey" for the word "Aimey";

(b) in item 6(a) of the words "H.L.W. Keeble Hawson" for the words "W.H.L. Keeble Hawson";

(c) in item 6 (NOTE), of the words "that (i)" for the words " that (a)" and the words "and (ii)" for the words "and (b)"; and

(d) in item 7(ii) of the word " Millennium" for the word "Millenium"

and, arising therefrom, the Group noted that:-

(i) Dr. Jan Woudstra was considering joining the Group as a representative of the Landscape Institute and would attend a future meeting;

(ii) the Coal Authority was now involved in discussions regarding the development of Nos. 162-170 Devonshire Street, with a view to investigating whether there were mine workings in the area;

(iii) the planning application regarding the Old Cathedral Vicarage, 7-15 St. James Row had been withdrawn; and

(iv) the Chair (Dr. Booth) would write to the Curator of the exhibition "Picturing Sheffield" commending the Exhibition and would raise the matter of errors in certain captions, provided that he received sufficient information from the Group for those errors to be identified.

3. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair reported that (a) he had received no response to his request for a presentation to be made to the Group, on the University's Masterplan and (b) he would attend the meeting of the Sheffield Sustainable Development and Design Panel on 23rd January next.

The Group noted the information and expressed its concern at the pattern of development by the University, particularly regarding the lack of co-ordination in architectural style and loss of opportunities.

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

The Head of Planning reported that the Sheffield Retail Quarter Team would give a presentation on the scheme to the Group, at its meeting on 17th March, 2015.

The Group noted the information.

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

The Group noted that the Sheffield Design Panel was scheduled to meet on 23rd January, 2015 and that the Panel would continue to have mixed membership.

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 Richardsons Cutlery Works, Alma Street**

Development of land to provide mixed use development comprising 98 dwellings (23 x 1-bed apartments, 39 x 2-bed apartments, 27 x 3-bed townhouses and 9 x 4-bed townhouses) and office space (Use Class B1, 731 square metres) in range of buildings (maximum of 5 storeys high), associated car parking, landscaping and associated works, including new roads and pedestrian routes.  
(Case Number: 14/04474/FUL)

The Group felt that the development sought to create too much on too small a site, that the materials proposed did not reflect the character of the conservation area and that the metal cladding appeared to be insubstantial. The Group also considered that the five-storey block was too high, for its setting in the Conservation Area. The Group considered that, overall, the development would not preserve or enhance the conservation area. The Group recommended that the development should be no more than four storeys high and it should be constructed in brick.

(b) **44 and curtilage of 44 and site of 46 to 48 Greenhill Main Road**

Demolition of two shop units, erection of four dwellinghouses and two storey rear extension to existing dwellinghouse (No. 44)  
(Case Number: 14/04673/FUL)

The Group felt that there was no justification for the demolition of the buildings, which could be sited on what were burgage plots. The Group considered that the former shops could be converted and extended to form residences. The Group felt that and the proposed cottages on the street frontage were a poor pastiche and were wholly unacceptable in a conservation area. The Group considered that the erection of two houses in the garden would be overdevelopment and would affect the setting of the Conservation Area.

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

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

- (a) application had been made for the listing of the Heeley National School, Gleadless Road, Heeley. English Heritage had requested further information and photographs of the School. Mr. Greaves would contact the Anglican Schools Society and consult Henry Tatton's Heeley Notebook for this purpose;
- (b) the Head of Planning would investigate and report back on the position regarding (i) the Vestry Hall, Crookesmoor Road, which was subject to a section 215 Notice and was now boarded up (ii) Cobnar Cottage, Cobnar Road, (iii) Rutland Hall, Hicks Street and (iv) the Farfield Inn, Hillfoot Bridge;
- (c) the hoarding was still in place at the Crookes Valley Methodist Church where conversion and restoration work was now complete;
- (d) a section of paving in Fargate, close to Church Street, formerly known as Cole's Corner had been replaced by tarmac. The Head of Planning was in contact with Amey, regarding the public realm areas within the City. It was probably the case that laying the tarmac was a temporary measure and the setts involved could all be repaired and relaid. The requirement of the contract between the City Council and Amey was that 'like for like' would apply in replacing the footway.

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

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