

SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting held 17th March, 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. Howard Greaves	Georgian Group Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society
	Mr. Graham Hague	Victorian Society/South Yorkshire Industrial Society
	Dr. Roger Harper	Ancient Monuments Society
	Mr. Stanley Jones	Hunter Archaeological Society
	Dr. Jo Lintonbon	University of Sheffield
	Mr. Bob Marshall	Royal Town Planning Institute
	Mr. Philip Moore	Sheffield Society of Architects
	Dr. Jan Woudstra	Landscape Institute

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Lee Barron (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors), Mr. Rod Flint (Georgian Group), Mr. Bob Hawkins (Council for the Protection of Rural England) and Mr. Andrew Shepherd (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings).

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th February, 2015 were approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of Mr. Bob Marshall to the attendance and to the substitution:-

(a) in item 7(c) of the words "would need to be satisfied" for the words "were satisfied and the words "staining deterioration" for the word "staining";

(b) in item 7(d) of the words "Wycliffe House" for the words "Wycliff House"; and

(c) in item 8(d) of the words "it had interesting features, especially in the schoolroom to the rear and had significant streetscape quality;" for the words "it had interesting features";

(d) in item 8(f) the words "106 Totley Brook Road, an interesting Arts and Craft house" for the words "106 Totley Brook Road"; and

(e) in item 8(h) of the words "Garden Street, for the words "Broad Lane"; and, arising therefrom, the Group noted that:-

(i) the Institution of Civil Engineers would circulate details of the Group and its meetings to all its members within South Yorkshire, to obtain a nominee to serve as its representative on the Group;

(ii) the scheme for development at Devonshire Street was due to be considered

by a Planning Board. There was little possibility of consideration being given to extending the Town Hall Conservation Area at present, due to the resources implications of doing so;

(iii) the items of business considered by the Sheffield Sustainable Development and Design Panel at its meeting on 12th March last, had not related to heritage matters;

(iv) consideration of the application relating to Cow Mouth Farm was still deferred;

(v) the Water Tower at the Northern general Hospital had been constructed by Newton Chambers and was therefore of considerable local significance. A lot of significant buildings were due to be lost if the proposed demolition on that site went ahead. Mr Greaves had contacted English Heritage regarding the matter and had been informed that none of the buildings was a clear candidate for listing on the site, but he should submit more information regarding the buildings;

(vi) the Head of Planning would report to a future meeting on the condition of Cobnar Cottage and Claremont House, Loxley ;

(vii) enforcement action had been taken regarding the development at the Orchard, Foxhill Crescent, as the wrong type of stone slates had been used;

(viii) the Head of Planning would be meeting representatives of Amey in a fortnight's time, to discuss the restoration of the Webb Sewer Gas Lamps within the City. There were forty six of such Lamps in the world, twenty five of which were in Sheffield and four of those were were fuelled by gas.

3. **SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MASTERPLAN**

Mr Keith Lilley, University of Sheffield, gave a presentation on the University's Campus Masterplan, setting out its plans for the next decade in terms of creating the best environment for students and staff within the Central Campus and enhancing its links with local communities and the wider City area, particularly through the Gold Route, which connected the Campus to the City, Sheffield Hallam University and the Railway Station. Mr. Lilley also referred to the University's Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, which would be the subject of a separate Campus Masterplan.

The Group thanked Mr. Lilley for the presentation and noted the information.

4. **MAJOR CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

John Morgan, Land Design and Steve Brown, Leonard Design, gave a presentation on a major City centre development scheme.

The Group thanked them for the presentation and noted the information.

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

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

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

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

The Group noted that, currently, the Sheffield Design Panel was not

scheduled to meet.

8. HERITAGE ASSETS;

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

**Alterations to ground floor of building to form 1x9 bedroomed student cluster flat, alterations and extension to roof height to provide 2x5 student cluster flats on each floor at 2nd and 3rd floor levels and a 9 bedroomed cluster flat in the roof space at Broompark House 200-208 Broomhall Street
(Case Number: 15/00467/FUL)**

The Group felt that the the added height would destroy the proportions of the building. The Group considered that the changes would have a damaging effect on the adjacent St. Silas Church, which was within the Broomhall Conservation Area. The Group recommended the conversion of the roof space, with roof lights, to provide accommodation. The Group felt that the scheme, as presented, was overdevelopment.

9. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

- a) The Head of Planning (i) had visited Cow Mouth Farm, but had not seen the interior of its barn and felt that there was a case for retaining the barn, at least on the western side and that a new scheme for the site could be available for consideration by the Group at its next meeting, (ii) had (A) visited, with Mr. Hawkins, the site at Greenhill of an application which had been seen by the Group and (B) negotiated a revision of the scheme which retained more of the historic fabric of the buildings, (iii) would report on a building at Regent Street, in the ownership of the University of Sheffield and possibly under threat of demolition, at the next meeting and (iv) had requested the provision of stone fish passes at Kelham Island, Lady's Bridge and Sanderson's Weir ;
- (b) a cottage at Brick House Lane owned by the the Hoffman family, who were well known in the local artistic community, had been demolished;
- (c) Whirlow Grange was due to be demolished, but it was not a listed building or within a conservation area;
- (d) the former G.P.O. Building, Fitzalan Square, had been renovated by a developer and was now ready for use;
- (e) the Victorian Society was considering applying for the listing of the Endcliffe Methodist Church, Ecclesall Road;

- (f) Mr. John Brown, the Chair of the Friends of the Bishops House and a former architect with the City Architect's Department of Sheffield City Council, had died recently;
- (g) the principal obstacle to resiting the Crimean Monument in a suitable location, was obtaining the necessary finance.
- (h) the extension to the Canton Orchard Restaurant, Fulwood Road, had been carried out discreetly; and
- (i) there would be a meeting of the Friends of the Old Town Hall at 6.30 p.m. on 17th March, at the Meeting House, St. James' Street.

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