

Agenda Item 6

SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting held 18th September, 2012

PRESENT:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
	Mr. Tim Hale (Deputy Chair)	Sheffield Chamber of Commerce
	Mrs. Christine Ball	Civic Trust/South Yorkshire Industrial History Society
	Prof. Clyde Binfield	20th Century Society
	Mr. Patrick Burns	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Rod Flint	Georgian Group
	Mr. Howard Greaves	Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society
	Dr. Roger Harper	Ancient Monuments Society
	Mr. Bob Hawkins	Council for the Protection of Rural England
	Mr. Philip Moore	Sheffield Society of Architects
	Dr. Malcolm Tait	University of Sheffield
	Dr. Alan Watson	Institution of Civil Engineers

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Philip Booth (Co-opted Member), Mr. Stanley Jones (Hunter Archaeological Society), 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 21st August, 2012 were approved as a correct record, subject to the deletion in item 2(A)(1), of the words "by 5%"; and

arising therefrom, the Group (a) noted that:-

- (i) the Head of Planning would investigate whether consent had been granted for the demolition of St John's Methodist Church, Sharrow Lane and report back;
- (ii) a planning application for the University of Sheffield's Jessop West site, which involved some demolition, would be submitted to the next meeting of the Group;
- (iii) there had not been a resubmission of a planning application for the development at the former Carsick Service Underground Reservoir, Carsick Hill Road; and
- (iv) the planning application for the development at 328 Fulwood Road, which would be resubmitted to the Group, contained amendments involving moving houses back from the access road within the site and the use of natural stone and natural slate; and

(b) congratulated the Chair (Dr. Booth) and expressed its support, for the response to the consultation document 'Improving Listed Building Consent' which he had submitted to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on behalf of the Group.

3. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

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

The Head of Planning reported that on 12th October next, English Heritage would launch a Heritage at Risk Initiative regarding metal trades heritage assets which were at risk, within Sheffield. The Initiative would be considered as an item of business, at the next meeting of the Group.

Mr. Hawkins added that the Initiative followed on from English Heritage's Industrial Heritage at Risk Initiative.

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 on 11th October, 2012, would probably be cancelled, due to a lack of business.

6. **HERITAGE ASSETS**

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

- (a) **Demolition of existing building and erection of 6 storey mixed use development comprising ground floor convenience (food) retail unit with 5 floors of student accommodation (52 Beds) located at the upper floors (the student accommodation comprises 8 student clusters including 6 x 6 bed clusters and 2 x 8 bed clusters), on site of Pearl Works, 17 - 21 Eyre Lane (Case Number: 12/02160/FUL)**

The Group affirmed its previous decision of 13th March, 2007. The Group considered that there would be poor amenity value for the occupiers of the property, which was close to the Stoddart Building. The Group felt that the development did not take cognisance, of the fact that the adjoining area consisted of low rise buildings. The Group also considered that its design was banal, featureless and dull and it gave no consideration to sustainability issues, or to the preservation and enhancement of the conservation area.

- (b) **Construction of 2 mezzanine floor levels to South half of building facing Rutland Road including use of ground floor as warehouse, distribution centre and cafe for staff with factory shop, Level 1 to be**

used as offices and Level 2 earmarked for future development, at Insignia Works (Samuel Osborn building), Rutland Way (Case Number: 12/02704/LBC)

The Group welcomed the proposal to bring the building back into use and considered that the intended use was suitable, as it preserved the conservation area and the character of the building. The Group recommended that the existing signage be preserved.

7. 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 would investigate (a) whether (i) the organ at the City Hall was a heritage asset,(ii) its present condition and (iii) whether it had been restored within the programme of restoration of the City Hall and (b) whether enforcement action would be taken regarding the unauthorised advertising hoardings at the TESCO site, facing the Wicker Arches;
- (b) The auction of the Abbeydale Picture House had been postponed to investigate the possibility that the property could be purchased by one or more charitable or community organisations; and
- (c) Mr. Hawkins would report, at the next meeting, on the significant changes which had been made to the roofs of crucible furnaces within the City, including the ones at Effingham Road and St. Philip's Road.

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

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