

## SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

### Special Meeting held 29th September, 2015

PRESENT:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
	Dr. Philip Booth (Chair)	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Patrick Burns	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Rob Darrington	Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
	Mr. Howard Greaves	Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society
	Mr. Graham Hague	Victorian Society/South Yorkshire Industrial History Society

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

Apologies for absence were received from Prof. Clyde Binfield (Twentieth Century Society), Mr. Rod Flint (Georgian Group), Mr. Tim Hale (Sheffield Chamber of Commerce), Dr. Roger Harper (Ancient Monuments Society), Mr. Bob Hawkins (Council for the Protection of Rural England), 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), Mr. Andrew Shepherd (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) and Dr. Jan Woudstra (Landscape Institute).

#### 2. **SHEFFIELD RETAIL QUARTER**

The Head of Planning gave a presentation on the Sheffield Retail Quarter development scheme and, arising therefrom, the Group observed that with regard to:-

(a) blocks a and c – the Group strongly objected to the new buildings, which would be prominent over the existing skyline above Palatine Chambers, when viewed from Fargate, the Peace Gardens and the Town Hall. The Group felt concern at the way that the new building would meet Palatine Chambers. The Group considered that the Urban Development Code's provisions regarding materials should be endorsed as set out in the submitted scheme and, accordingly, the new building at Barkers Pool should be in stone;

(b) block b – there was no objection, in principle, to this part of the scheme, provided that the development had a stone façade;

(c) blocks d and f – the Group endorsed the proposals regarding Leah's Yard, but opposed the demolition of the Sportsman Public House. The Group

considered that the Sportsman should be kept to retain the character of Cambridge Street and that Leah's Yard was never meant to be a 'stand alone' building and the two building were designed to be seen together in series;

(d) block e – the Group felt that the demolition of 34 Cambridge Street was unacceptable and it should be retained to contribute to the context of the listed buildings;

(e) block g – the Group welcomed the retention of the 'Pepperpot' building and the former H.S.B.C. Bank building, but the Group felt concern at the scaling and massing of the new building and how they would relate to the existing buildings. The Group endorsed the retention of the former Citadel building and its importance and felt that action should be taken to prevent its deterioration;

(f) blocks k and l – there was no objection, in principle, to the proposals;

(g) blocks m and n – the Group felt concern at the way in which the development proposals would dominate the listed Aberdeen Works building. The Group recommended that the rooftop car should be lower or consideration should be given to the provision of residential accommodation on the roof, with basement car parking. The Group felt that the key issues in this part of the development were the block and massing of the design.

The Group considered that the failure of the scheme to encourage small, independent retail outlets was regrettable.

The Group asked the Chair to prepare a report on their observations for submission to the City Council.