

SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting held 21st June, 2016

<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
	Dr. Philip Booth (Chair)	Co-opted Member
	Prof. Clyde Binfield	Twentieth Century Society
	Mr. Patrick Burns	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Rob Darrington	Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
	Mr. Rod Flint	Georgian Group
	Mr. Howard Greaves	Hallamshire Historic Buildings Victorian Society/South
	Mr. Graham Hague	Yorkshire Industrial History Society
	Dr. Roger Harper	Ancient Monuments Society
	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. Tim Hale (Sheffield Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Bob Hawkins (Council for the Protection of Rural England), Dr. Jo Lintonbon (University of Sheffield) and Mr. Bob Marshall (Royal Town Planning Institute) and Councillor Ian Saunders (Sheffield City Council) and Mr. Andrew Shepherd (Society for the Protection of Rural England).

2. **MR. MIKE HAYDEN**

The Group welcomed Mr. Mike Hayden, the recently appointed Head of Planning of Sheffield City Council. Mr. Hayden spoke of his background as the former Chief Town Planner and then Head of Planning of Chesterfield Borough Council, where he had been involved in heritage work, notably the regeneration of the Market Hall and as a former Planning Inspector. He gave his impressions of what was in the pipeline in terms of development within the City and the achievements of the City Council's Planning Service. The key issues for him now, were dealing with budget pressures and the regeneration of the City to create more jobs. A report on the New Retail Quarter would go to the Planning Committee next month.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May, 2016, were approved as a correct record, subject to the substitution, in item 8, of the words "Various matters relating to conservation areas and heritage assets were held over, with the exception of an online petition regarding the Diamond Building, University of Sheffield at www.change.org." " for the words " Members reported on various developments affecting heritage assets and conservation areas and the Group

noted that there was an online petition regarding the Diamond Building, University of Sheffield at www.change.org. “

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

- (i) the Chair (Dr. Booth) had attended, on 24th May, 2016, a follow up meeting to the Heritage Sheffield Conference, held on 14th April last. Copies of the Heritage Strategy of Nottingham City Council, which had been signed off by Members of that Council, had been circulated at the Conference. It had been accepted at the follow up meeting that that sort of confirmation was vital for such a strategy to succeed. Valerie Bayliss had since made that point and the point that the Heritage Strategy must be linked to the strategic plans, particularly the Local Plan being produced by the Sheffield City Council, to Councillor Ian Saunders, the Heritage Champion of the Council;
 - (ii) the Head of Planning had informed the Chair that it was not within his power to ensure that Dr. Woudstra was appointed as a member of the Independent Tree Panel but he would request that it be done by Amey;
 - (iii) Mr. Tony Goff was on the mend, but he would not participate in the work of Hallamshire Historic Buildings, except in an advisory capacity; and
 - (iv) Martin Evans had resigned from the Group due to pressure of work. He would be asked to seek a replacement as the representative on the Group, of the Institution of Structural Engineers; and
- (b) agreed that Heritage Sheffield be requested to send a representative to speak at a future meeting of the Group.

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

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

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

The Head of Planning reported that:-

- (a) the Broomhill Action Group had published the Broomhill Be Best Local Plan, which contained 47 policies and, legally, was a neighbourhood plan requiring approval by a local referendum; and
- (b) (i) Historic England had refused to list Old May House Farm, Mayfield Valley. Mr.

Greaves had applied for its listing in August 2014; and

- (ii) Historic England had offered its support, in the form of logistical support rather than funding, for local residents and City Councillors to prepare local heritage action zones within the City and Castlegate had been selected as a possible zone.

The Group noted the information and welcomed the proposal to prepare a local heritage action zone for the Castlegate area.

6. SHEFFIELD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN PANEL

The Group noted that a meeting of the Sheffield Development and Design Panel would be held on 23rd June and that the items of business to be considered included schemes for development (a) within the St. Philips area and (b) on a site at Rockingham Gate.

7. HERITAGE ASSETS

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

Demolition and renovation of existing buildings and erection of new buildings to provide a mixed use development comprising A1(Shops), A2 (Financial and Professional Services), A3 (Food and Drink), A4 (Drinking Establishments), A5 (Hot Food Takeaways) and B1 (Business) units, residential accommodation (86 flats/studios and 1 cluster flat) and temporary short and long stay car parking on land and within buildings at Sidney Street, Matilda Street, Arundel Street and Sylvester Street

(Case number: 16/01450/FUL)

The Group felt that the rhythm of the windows on the Sidney Street frontage did not respect the fenestration pattern of the retained buildings but, overall, the treatment of the buildings and the scale of the development were acceptable. The Group welcomed the opening up of the Porter Brook on the site and broadly supported the new elements of the scheme. The Group had reservations concerning the proposed parking, on the opposite side of Sylvester Street. The Group recommended that the building, to be demolished on the site, should be retained to conceal the temporary parking provision.

8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

(a) a scheme for the provision of up to 800 student flats on the site of Stokes Tiles would be brought to a future meeting;

(b) a Professor of Engineering at the University of Sheffield had stated that the design of the exterior of the University's Diamond Building had been inspired by the Gothic windows of the nearby former St George's Church;

(c) the Hawley Tool Collection contained one hundred thousand items. The Wharnccliffe Works, Green Lane, would be a perfect location for retention and display of the Collection, It was most likely that the only funding available to such a development was Heritage Lottery Funding. It was a proposal that could be fed into the Heritage Strategy;

(d) Eva Wilkinson, Secretary of the Broomhill Local History Society, had died recently;

(e) work had restarted on the renovation of the former Manor Lodge School;

(f) the Head of Planning would (i) investigate and report back on (A) the position regarding the lime trees on Cemetery Avenue and (B) the former Wharncliffe Fireclay Works, 140 -146 Devonshire Street, which had been painted red, white and blue, (ii) consider enforcement action regarding the condition of electricity distribution pillars at Greystones Road and Storth Lane, Ranmor Conservation Area and (iii) attempt to ensure that the Webb Patent Sewer Gas Lamp, on Leavygreave Road, was repaired as part of the University of Sheffield's upgrade street works;

(g) no action could be taken regarding the painting of brickwork at a newly opened restaurant on Ecclesall Road, at the junction with Cemetery Avenue. Unfortunately many brick buildings on Ecclesall Road had been painted, when the brick was much more attractive; and

(h) a statue had been erected near to the Cenotaph, Barker's Pool, that honoured the 'Women of Steel' workers in munition factories within the City, during the First and Second World Wars.

(Note: These minutes are subject to amendment at a future meeting)