

## **SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP**

### **Meeting held 17th January, 2017**

<b><u>PRESENT;</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organisation</u></b>
	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	Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society
	Mr. Graham Hague	Victorian Society/ South Yorkshire Industrial History Society
	Dr. Roger Harper	Ancient Monuments Society
	Mr. Bob Hawkins	Council for the Protection of Rural England
	Dr. Jo Lintonbon	University of Sheffield
	Mr. Philip Moore	Sheffield Society of Architects
	Mr. Mick Nott	Civic Trust
	Dr. Jan Woudstra	Landscape Institute

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

Apologies for absence were received from Liz Godfrey (Civic Trust) and Mr. Bob Marshall (Royal Town Planning Institute).

#### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th December, 2016 were approved as a correct record subject to the substitution (a) in item 2(b) of the word "damaged" for the word "destroyed", (b) in item 6(g) of the word "Redmires" for the words "Lodge Moor" and the words "Flo Churchill" for the words "Fiona Marshall" and in item 9(f) of the words "Centenary Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Wadsly Bridge" for the words "Little Chapel, Wadsley Bridge".

Arising therefrom, the Group noted that the new owner of Loxley

Chapel had appointed a builder to commence work on the stability and protection of the building, in accordance with the report of English Heritage, but no work had been done. Building Control officers were pursuing the matter.

### **3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair (Dr. Booth) reported that:-

(a) he had met Flo Churchill, the Acting Head of Planning, since the previous meeting. They had discussed the Group and she had given the impression that she felt the Group was useful to the City Council. They had also discussed Joined Up Heritage and the possible role of the Group as a broker between JUH and the City Council. Flo Churchill had indicated that she felt it was appropriate for officers to attend the meetings of JUH;

(b) the Chair and Flo Churchill had attended the workshop of JUH on 11th January last, he in the afternoon and she in the morning. It had been encouraging, but he felt that there was still much work to be done and JUH's intention to produce a strategy was ambitious. There was some, limited negativity towards the City Council but not from the leading members of JUH, or generally; and

(c) the next general meeting of JUH would be on 24th January next. There would be strategy workshops on 25th March regarding economic vitality and tourism, on 8th February, regarding health and wellbeing, on 1st March regarding cohesion and community pride and on 15th March, regarding quality heritage environment. Each meeting would be held at the Quaker Meeting House, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The last of these was of particular relevance to the Group.

The Group noted the information.

### **4. REPORT OF ACTING HEAD OF PLANNING**

The Acting Head of Planning reported that the post of Head of Planning had been advertised, with a closing date of 6th January last for submitting applications.

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

The Group noted that there was no scheduled meeting of the Sheffield Development and Design Panel.

### **6. HERITAGE ASSETS**

The Group considered the following applications for planning permission affecting heritage assets and made the observations stated:-

**1. Alterations and conversion of existing dwellinghouse and barns to form six dwellinghouses, at Old Hall Farm, Brightholmlee Lane.**

**(Case No. 16/04505/LBC and 16/04504/FUL).**

The Group welcomed the proposed rescue of the dwellinghouse and the approach to it, but felt concern at the number of proposed units, in relation to the need for parking, which would impact on the setting of the building. The Group considered that the issue of residents' and visitors' parking would impact on the wider local area.

**2. Erection of 10/16 storey building to provide 241 bed spaces comprising 29 cluster flats and 13 studio units, with ancillary accommodation and installation of screening to roof mounted plant to former Head Post Office Building (Phase 3), 17 Fitzalan Square.**

**(Case No. 16/04488/LBC and 16/04487/FUL)**

The Group expressed considerable regret, that planning permission had been given for a 22 storey building on the site and requested the opportunity to inspect the plans of the elevations of the 10/16 storey building, when they are submitted.

**3. Erection of detached 3/4 storey dwelling house with integral garage, within the curtilage of 11 Oriel Road.**

**(Case Number 16/04701/FUL)**

The Group felt that the development would be prominent in the conservation area, especially from the Porter Valley and Forge Dam. The Group considered that the development would affect the setting of the White House, a building of character. The Group felt that the design was inappropriate for the setting, the building was too big and there were concerns at the proposed materials. The Group considered that a building, working with the site, could be acceptable. The Group recommended that the applicant employ a suitably qualified architect for the development.

**7. UPDATE**

The Acting Head of Planning reported that:-

- (a) Davy House, Haymarket and Castle Street was not listed or in a conservation area. It was proposed to be added to the local list. There were concerns regarding the whole of the Haymarket area;
- (b) there was a scheme to refurbish the main entrance of the Mappin Building to create better access for disabled people and a new reception area;
- (c) there was a scheme for a building at Shepherd Street (Well Meadow Conservation Area), which would be a replacement for the building presently housing the vehicles of the University of Sheffield;
- (d) the Webb Patent Sewer Gas lamps would have solar power lighting in their lanterns and, where appropriate, would be recast in aluminium, as original. The light would flicker or glow. The four lamps presently lit by gas would continue as such. All of the columns would be retained and repaired. Joined Up Heritage was urging local groups to adopt lamps within their areas; and
- (e) recent high winds had exposed the original façade of the former

Don Cinema, West Bar.

The Group noted the information.

## **8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

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

- (a) the former N.U.M. Building, Holly Street was undergoing a considerable transformation. It seemed that little of the original interior would remain;
- (b) Professor Vanessa Toulmin, University of Sheffield, had given a presentation to the Victorian Society, on 24th November last, on the history of the cinema in Sheffield;
- (c) in January 2015 Newcastle City Council had imposed restrictions to control the display of letting boards in key areas of areas of the City, where there were significant numbers of student lettings; and
- (d) Cobnar Cottage had been restored;
- (e) the Acting Head of Planning would (i) investigate and report back on (A) whether the top of the Cholera Monument, off Norfolk Road, was leaning and (B) the condition of Claremont House, Loxley Valley;
- (f) there was an article in the latest edition of 'the Voice' magazine of the  
the regarding the future of Sheffield's historic buildings;
- (g) the Central Library had featured in an article in Private Eye magazine. A letter by Mr. Greaves regarding the building and its future had been published in the Sheffield Star, but not in the Sheffield Telegraph; and
- (h) C.A.D.S. (Creative Arts Development Society) which was a charity, had taken a lease of the upper section of the Abbeydale Picture House, for 25 years; and
- (i) there had been a demonstration outside the Town Hall on 14th January last, regarding the felling of trees within the City and there would be a similar demonstration on Bramall Lane on 21st January. Many trees had ribbons around them indicating that they were going to be felled, at Rivelin Valley Road, which was the second longest boulevard in Europe.

(Note; the above minutes are subject to amendment at a future meeting.)