

Agenda Item 6

SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting held 18th June, 2013

PRESENT:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
	Dr. Philip Booth (Chair)	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Tim Hale	Sheffield Chamber of Commerce
	Mrs Christine Ball	Civic Trust/South Yorkshire Industrial History Society
	Mr. Patrick Burns	Co-opted Member
	Mr. Howard Greaves	Hallamshire Historic Buildings Society
	Mr. Graham Hague	Victorian Society
	Mr. Philip Moore	Sheffield Society of Architects

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Prof. Clyde Binfield (20th Century Society), Dr. Roger Harper (Ancient Monuments Society), Mr. Bob Hawkins (Council for the Protection of Rural England), Mr. Bob Marshall (Royal Town Planning Institute), Mr. Andrew Shepherd (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings), Dr. Malcolm Tait (University of Sheffield) and Dr. Alan Watson (Institution of Civil Engineers).

2. **MINUTES, 21st May, 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May, 2013 were approved as a correct record subject to the substitution, in item 7 (b), of the words "had been or were being demolished" for the words " had been demolished" and the words "although not all were listed" for the words "although they had not been listed" and in item 7(c) of the words "Farfield Inn" for the words "Fairfield Inn" and, arising therefrom, the Group:-

(a) noted that (i) public consultations regarding the future use of Castlegate would commence next month and the Head of Planning would report to a future meeting on proposals for the use of the site, (ii) in the opinion of Mr. Hague, there was sufficient land at the rear of 315 to 329 Baslow Road, but access to the site would be difficult and (iii) the Head of Planning would report to a future meeting on the possibility that Old May House Farm, Mayfield Valley, was listed or of listable quality; and

(b) urged Members to consider the proposals of the draft City Centre Masterplan and report to a future meeting anything within the Masterplan which would have impact on conservation areas or heritage assets.

22nd January, 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd, January, 2013 were amended by the substitution, in item 7(a) of the words "the suspended ceiling at the rear of the Castle Market which had been inserted and had a steel roof frame, was a particularly interesting feature of the building" for the words "the suspended ceiling at the rear of the Castle

Market, was a particularly interesting feature of the building”

3. **CHAIR’S REPORT**

The Chair reported that Save Britain’s Heritage and the Victorian Society had obtained an injunction against the University of Sheffield preventing the demolition of the Edwardian wing of the former Jessop Hospital pending a decision on a judicial review, of the decision on the listed building consent for demolition.

The Group noted the information.

4. **HEAD OF PLANNING’S REPORT**

The Head of Planning reported on the changes to planning law effected by S.I. 2013/1101, particularly (a) the change to (i) the permitted development rights, to permit the conversion of office accommodation to residential accommodation, without planning permission and (ii) the lawful development certificates and (b) the withdrawal of the need to provide a design access statement for a development.

The Group noted the information.

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

The Group noted that the scheduled meeting of the Sheffield Sustainable Development And Design Panel, on 6th June, 2013 had been cancelled.

6. **HERITAGE ASSETS**

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

- (a) **Erection of multi-storey car park (to provide 530 spaces) and retail unit on car park adjacent to 388 Glossop Road and Durham Road (Case Number: 13/01699/FUL)**

The Group considered that the development was generally acceptable, in terms of its setting and position in terms of the listed buildings nearby and it welcomed the restoration of the corner of the site facing Glossop Road. The Group felt that the architectural detail was coarse and massive and that insufficient thought had been given to the detailed form of the scheme, which had insufficient horizontal elements. The Group felt that the materials should reflect those of the nearby heritage assets, rather than those of the Firth Building and the Octagon Building. The Group considered that there should be a signage strategy for the scheme and recommended that the building should have a green roof.

- (b) **Siting of two Portakabin units for use as office accommodation in courtyard area at the Norfolk Arms, 2 Ringinglow Road Ringinglow Village (Case Number: 13/01245/FUL)**

The Group expressed its strong objection to the development. The Group felt that the development was inappropriate, it would be highly visible and would have a damaging effect on the setting of the Norfolk Arms, a fine heritage asset

(NOTE: Mr. Moore declared an interest in the above application)

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 (i) investigate (A) the possibility of a representative of the City Council being nominated, to serve as a member of the Group and (B) the condition of the former St Vincent's Church, Solly Street and the interior of the Highfields Library and (ii) report to a future meeting on the terms of reference of the Group;
- (b) the demolition works at the former Hallam Tower Hotel were well advanced;
- (c) the Sheffield Live television channel was broadcasting programmes and Mr. Hale had suggested that it could produce and broadcast a film of the demolition of the Castle Market and the ensuing exposition of the Sheffield Castle;
- (d) the Head of Planning would hold a meeting later this week with the owner of Loxley Chapel, regarding the condition of the building;
- (e) the research project, regarding conservation advisory groups, had not materialised due to a lack of finance for the project; and
- (f) there was no available list of green roofs within the City, but Dr. Nigel Dunnett, of the University of Sheffield, provide a useful website relating to green issues in the context of planning and development.

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

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