

Tuesday, 5 January 2016
at 6.00 pm



Conservation Area Advisory Group

PRESENT:-

Councillor Rodohan (Chairman) and Councillors Belsey, Smart and Swansborough

OFFICERS:

Mrs S Leete-Groves, Specialist Advisor (Conservation)

ADVISORS:

Mr Crook, Royal Institute of British Architects
Mr Howell, Eastbourne Society

35 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2015 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

36 Apologies for absence.

None were reported.

37 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct.

Councillor Belsey and Mr Crook declared a personal interest in application 151289, Royal Hippodrome Theatre and remained in the room but did not take part in the discussion.

38 Planning Applications - Decisions of the Borough Council.

The decisions of the Planning Committee on applications in Conservation Areas were reported.

NOTED.

39 Planning Applications for Consideration.

The Specialist Advisor (Conservation) reported on planning applications for consideration in Conservation Areas. The Group's comments were set out in the schedule below.

1) 151050, THE CONGRESS HOTEL 31-41 CARLISLE ROAD

Heritage Value: College Conservation Area

Proposal: Reconstruction of the roof of this hotel to provide additional residential accommodation.

CAAG Comments: The Group raised objections to the proposal and considered that it would not enhance or preserve the historical and architectural character and appearance of the surrounding conservation area. The Group added that the Congress Hotel made a positive contribution to the area and was a fine example of Victorian architecture. It was recommended that the applicant explore an alternate location within the current built form for the additional space required that would not result in adverse harm to the character or appearance of the surrounding area. The Group suggested that the applicant explore the possibility of using the roof space at the rear of the building.

2) 151289, ROYAL HIPPODROME THEATRE, 106-112 SEASIDE ROAD, BN21 3PF

Heritage Value: Listed Building & Town Centre and Seafront Conservation Area

Proposal: Internal alterations at ground floor level.

CAAG Comments: The Group raised no objections and welcomed the scheme, which would be an improvement to the entrance foyer of the theatre.

(NB: Councillor Belsey and Mr Crook declared a personal interest in this application and remained in the room but did not take part in the discussion.

3) 151370, 10 PARK CLOSE, EASTBOURNE

Heritage Value: The Park Close Conservation Area

Proposal: Single and two storey side and rear extensions.

CAAG Comments: The Group felt that the proposal would result in little or no harm to the existing character and appearance of the immediate or wider area, subject to the proposed materials matching what currently existed.

4) 151355, FAIRMEAD, KING EDWARDS PARADE, EASTBOURNE, BN20 7XB

Heritage Value: Meads Conservation Area

Proposal: Erect balcony at front.

CAAG Comments: No objections raised.

NOTED.

40 Seafront Window Survey.

The Specialist Advisor (Conservation) gave an update to the Group on the window survey of properties on the seafront. They were advised that the Specialist Advisor (Planning) had prepared a draft survey and this would be circulated to the Group following the meeting.

The Group discussed the issue and agreed that the aim of the survey would be to provide a clear indication about what windows currently existed on the properties on the seafront and provide a reference when considering future applications.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the Group, to allow the Specialist Advisor (Planning) to present the work that had been undertaken so far and discuss options going forward.

NOTED.

41 New Listings

The Specialist Advisor (Conservation) advised that there were no new listings.

NOTED.

42 Dates of future meetings - All at 6.00 p.m. at the Town Hall

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 16 February 2015.

The meeting closed at 7.01 pm

Councillor Rodohan (Chairman)