

Conservation Advisory Group

Minutes of Remote meeting held on Teams on 6 August 2024 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Kathy Ballard (Chair)

Councillors Pat Rodohan (Deputy-Chair), Kashama Shore and Colin Belsey

Advisors: Joanna Saady (Chair of South East Branch, Institute of Historic Building Conservation and RIBA) and John Minnis (Eastbourne Society)

Officers in attendance:

Chris Connelley (Specialist Advisor, Conservation) and Elaine Roberts (Committee Officer)

7 Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting, held on **11th June 2024** were confirmed as an accurate record.

8 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Williams and Councillor Smart and also from co-opted advisor, Richard Crook.

Councillor Shore attended as substitute for Councillor Smart.

9 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.

There were none.

10 Planning Applications for Consideration

Chris Connelley, Specialist Advisor, Conservation, presented his report regarding two sites, and the Group considered each in turn.

240275 / 240276 (PP and LBC) Eastbourne Railway Station, Terminus Road, Eastbourne BN21 3QJ

Proposal: Refurbishment of the former booking hall into a café and bar.

CAG Comment : The Group applauded the application, which allowed for the rehabilitation of an empty area of the railway station, and commended the applicant on the quality and detail of the submission and for the sensitive and sophisticated design. The Group raised minor concerns regarding external illumination and requested that planners take necessary action to regulate this.

Overall, though, the Group felt that the application maintained the significance of the listed building whilst enhancing the character and appearance of the conservation area.

240324 (PP) Osborne Hotel, 31-41 Carlisle Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4JS

Proposal: Erection of a first- floor side extension to create seating area and associated alterations

CAG Comment: The group felt this was a disappointing and poorly detailed application, and that the proposal was inappropriate for its conservation area setting. The Group recommended that the applicant rethinks the approach taken to generate a new design with a form and bulk that was more sensitive to its location.

As presently submitted, the Group were unanimous that the proposal did not preserve, let alone enhance, the character and appearance of the conservation area.

11 New Listings

Chris Connelley confirmed there were no new listings to report.

12 Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday 3rd September at 6pm via Teams.

The meeting ended at 6.51 pm

Councillor Kathy Ballard (Chair)