

Conservation Area Advisory Group

Minutes of meeting held in Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG on 20 August 2019 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Pat Rodohan (Chair)

Councillors Dean Sabri (Deputy-Chair), Colin Belsey and Robert Smart

Advisors: Richard Crook (Royal Institute of British Architects), Nicholas Howell (Eastbourne Society) and Rebecca Madell (Heritage Champion)

Officers in attendance:

Chris Connelley (Specialist Advisor, Conservation), Jenny Martin (Specialist Advisor, Conservation), Emily Horne (Committee Officer) and Elaine Roberts (Committee Officer)

19 Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2019 were submitted and approved and the Chair was authorised to sign them as an accurate record.

20 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members

None received.

21 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.

Advisor Mr Richard Crook declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting during discussion of Planning Application items 2,3 and 4 (66, 68 and 70 Seaside, Eastbourne), as the plans had been drawn up by his firm.

22 Questions by members of the public.

None received.

23 Urgent items of business.

There were none.

24 Right to address the meeting/order of business.

There were no public speakers and the order of business was unchanged.

25 Planning Applications for Consideration

1) 190494, (PP), The Colonnades, Colonnade Gardens, Eastbourne.

Cons Area: Town Centre and Seafront.

Proposal: Proposed rendering and replacement windows to first, second and third floors of the Colonnades and Braemar Court.

This item was withdrawn from the meeting as the applicant had that afternoon requested a deferral.

2) 190599/ 190318, (PP/LBC), 66 Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7QL.

Cons Area: Town Centre and Seafront.

Listing: Grade 2

Proposal: 2 flats at ground and first floor, and creation of 5-bed HMO (House in Multiple Occupation), replacement roof over rear extension, replacement of uPVC windows with timber, cast iron railings to front first floor balcony (Part Retrospective).

CAAG comments: Following reports from Specialist Advisor Officers Chris Connerlley and Jenny Martin, the Group agreed it would be appropriate to consider all three applications - items 2, 3 and 4 - together.

3) 190608/190609, (PP/LBC), 68 Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7QL.

Cons Area: Town Centre and Seafront.

Listing: Grade 2

Proposal: conversion from HMO to 3 flats, involving replacement of uPVC windows with timber, and installation of first floor balcony (Listed building consent under 190609).

4) 190619/190620, (PP/LBC), 70 Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7QL.

Cons Area: Town Centre and Seafront.

Listing: Grade 2

Proposal: removal of external staircase on the rear elevation and re-forming of cast iron railings to the first floor balcony on the front elevation (Listed building consent under 190620).

Specialist advisor Chris Connerlley provided a verbal update: that all the rear windows would now be timber.

CAAG comments:

Members of the Group queried the removal of the outside staircase.

Specialist Advisors Chris Connerlley and Jenny Martin reported that this decision had been taken because the staircase no longer functioned as an access/fire escape, but posed potential issues around safety, theft and social nuisance.

The Group requested that the placement of bins be considered going forward, for example, exploring the potential of space being found to the rear of the property. Chris Connerley agreed to raise this with the Planning Department.

The Group unanimously agreed that all three proposals both preserved and enhanced the environment.

26 New Listings

There were none.

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

That the next meeting of the Conservation Area Advisory Group was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 1st October 2019 in the Court Room, Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG, commencing at 6pm be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.28 pm

Councillor Pat Rodohan (Chair)