

Conservation Area Advisory Group

Minutes of meeting held in Court Room - Town Hall, Eastbourne on 26 November 2019 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillor Pat Rodohan (Chair)

Councillors 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) and Elaine Roberts (Committee Officer)

37 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2019

A comment was raised that the minutes did not capture adequate detail.

The Chair noted CAAG's role as an advisory body, specifically to evaluate whether an item under consideration 'preserved and/or enhanced' its environment.

The Specialist Conservation Advisor confirmed that comments from CAAG were shared back to both the Planning Officers and the applicants, and that the descriptions were taken from the Planning Application, ensuring consistency.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2019 were approved and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

38 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members

An apology had been received from Councillor Sabri.

39 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.

40 Questions by members of the public.

None received.

41 Urgent items of business.

There were none.

42 Right to address the meeting/order of business.

None received.

43 Planning Applications for Consideration**1) 190785, (LBC), Eastbourne Bandstand, Grand Parade, Eastbourne BE21 3EH**

Cons Area: Town Centre and Seafront, Grade 2 listing
Proposal: Structural engineering investigation

CAAG Comments: The Group noted the application and agreed the application preserved the character and appearance of the building.

2) 190665/ 190666, (LBC and PP), The Southdown Hotel, 1-3 Howard Square, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4BQ

Cons Area: Town Centre and Seafront.
Proposal: Creation of 15 apartments and removal of lift shaft at rear and alterations to the rear elevation including the enlarging of dormer windows and associated works.

CAAG Comments: The Group agreed that the application would preserve the character of the building and requested that officers note the view that harmony of colour would help enhance the character of the conservation area.

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

7th January 2020 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Eastbourne.

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting ended at 6.55 pm

Councillor Pat Rodohan (Chair)