

Tuesday, 6 January 2015
at 6.00 pm



Conservation Area Advisory Group

PRESENT:-

Councillor Shuttleworth (Chairman) and Councillors Cooke and Thompson

Officers:

Mrs S Leete-Groves, Specialist Advisor (Conservation)
Ms J Sabin, Specialist Advisor (Planning)

ADVISORS:

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

34 Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

35 Apologies for absence.

An apology for absence was reported from Councillor Belsey.

36 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.

None were declared.

37 Planning Applications - Decisions of the Borough Council.

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

NOTED.

38 Planning Applications for Consideration

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

1) 141506, WISH TOWER SLOPE, ADJACENT TO THE LIFEBOAT MUSEUM, KING EDWARD'S PARADE

Heritage Status: Conservation Area, adjacent to a Building of Local Interest and setting of a Grade II heritage asset

Proposal: Provision of a vintage AA box and two parking spaces.

CAAG Comments: The Group raised no objections to the proposal in principle however suggested that the applicant investigate other locations nearby that was supportable and did not interfere with the view of the iconic Wish Tower. They felt strongly that the grassed area of the Wish Tower slope would not be an acceptable location.

2) 141478, LUSHINGTON LANE MOTORS, 17 LUSHINGTON LANE, EASTBOURNE, BN21 4LJ

Heritage Status: Conservation Area

Proposal: Demolition of existing garages and erection of a three-storey block of four self-contained flats with garaging on the ground floor.

CAAG Comments: The Group raised no objections to the proposal, subject to details over high quality materials used being agreed with the applicant. The Group believed that the proposal would enhance the surrounding area and be an improvement over the existing building.

3) 141212, 51 UPPERTON LANE EASTBOURNE, BN21 2DB

Heritage Status: Conservation Area

Proposal: Provision of a two-storey dwelling.

CAAG Comments: The Group raised strong objections with the design and proposed two-storey dwelling which they felt would be out of character with the surrounding conservation area.

4) 141484, THE MOORINGS, 25 ST JOHNS ROAD, EASTBOURNE

Heritage Status: Conservation Area

Proposal: The removal of 3no telecommunications antennas and their replacement with 3no new antennas, the installation of 2no additional transmission dishes, the installation of an additional radio equipment cabinet and development works ancillary thereto.

CAAG Comments: The Group raised no objections to the proposal however requested if possible that the new 600mm diameter dishes be relocated below the roof line, reducing the visual impact on the building.

5) 141592, MALTHOUSES COTTAGES, WISH HILL, EASTBOURNE, BN20 9HL

Listed Building: Grade II listed

Proposal: Installation of wood burning stove and associated flue.

CAAG Comments: No objections raised.

By virtue of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman was of the opinion that the following recently received application, which was not listed on the agenda, should be considered in order that the application might be referred to the Planning Committee at the earliest opportunity.

6) 141441, PRE-APPLICATION ADVICE, TREGENNA MEAD, 20 FAIRFIELD ROAD

Area of High Townscape Value & adjacent to a listed building.

Proposal: Either demolition and rebuild, or extensions to provide a 20 bed care home.

CAAG Comments: The Group raised strong objections to the proposal, in particular the demolition of a building considered a crucial part of an iconic area in Eastbourne. It was suggested that the applicant consider renovating or extending the existing building instead of demolishing it. The Group requested that officers investigate the history of the building and look into whether the building could be locally listed.

NOTED.

39 New Listings

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

NOTED.

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

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 17 February 2015.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm

**Councillor Shuttleworth
(Chairman)**