

## **Eastbourne Borough Council Conservation Area Advisory Group**

**Minutes of meeting held in Town Hall, Eastbourne on 22 May 2018 at 6.00 pm**

### **Present:-**

Councillor Pat Rodohan (Chairman) Councillors Colin Swansborough (Deputy-Chairman), Colin Belsey, Robert Smart, Mr Crook and Mr Howell

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Chris Connelley (Specialist Advisor, Conservation)  
Jenny Martin (Specialist Advisor, Conservation)

### **Also in attendance**

Katie Maxwell, Committee Officer

#### **1 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2018.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2018 were submitted and approved, subject to the following amendments to minute 45 180040, Kempson, 3 Granville Road 'The committee agreed the proposals would not preserve or enhance an area of high town scape value. The Specialist Advisor for Conservation agreed to the College Road conservation area as a matter of urgency' and the Chair was authorised to sign them as an accurate record.

#### **2 Apologies for absence.**

There were none.

#### **3 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.

#### **4 Planning Applications for Consideration**

##### **1) 180368, (PP), THE PILOT, 89 MEADS STREET, EASTBOURNE**

Cons Area: Meads

Proposal: Proposed minor demolition of existing disabled toilet accommodation and the construction of a new formal restaurant area with new disabled toilet with Manager's studio flat above.

**CAAG COMMENTS:** The Group supported the proposals and felt that it had a neutral effect on the surrounding conservation area. The Group requested that the Specialist Advisors for Conservation contact the agent to suggest that flint might provide an attractive external design feature.

**2) 180352, (LBC), SAVOY COURT HOTEL, 11-15 CAVENDISH PLACE, EASTBOURNE.**

Cons Area: Town Centre and Seafront/ Grade 2 listed

Proposal: Planning permission for conversion of existing hotel into 15 residential self-contained flats (Listed Building Consent sought under application 180353)

**CAAG COMMENTS:** The Group welcomed this application, and felt that it would enhance the specific buildings involved and the broader conservation area setting. The Group wished to retain the candy-striped canopies and hope the external decorative scheme became an exemplar for future restoration projects in the immediate area.

**3) 180425, (PP), ROBIN HILL NURSERY, 23 FAIRFIELD ROAD, EASTBOURNE.**

Cons Area: Meads

Proposal: Change of use from nursery school to residential use as a single dwelling house together with dormer extensions at roof level and installation of roof lights.

**CAAG COMMENTS:** The Group generally supported the proposals but raised concerns about the use of Zinc on the dormers and the removal of a chimney. The feeling was that an alternative approach to the dormer surfacing might mitigate the loss of the chimney.

**4) 180476, (PP), ALBANY LIONS HOTEL, 41-43 GRAND PARADE, EASTBOURNE.**

Cons Area: Town Centre and Seafront

Proposal: Proposed change of use to function suite of the Albany hotel from c1 to C3 to form 10 x 1-bedroom dwellings. To include extension to the roof and side elevations to create 1<sup>st</sup> floor accommodation and minor alterations to the front and side elevations.

**CAAG COMMENTS:** The Group felt that the proposals had a limited impact on the conservation area and applauded the replacement of uPVC windows with timber sash to the front elevation. The Group requested that the Specialist Advisor for Conservation discuss the replacement of the front door with the applicant and also wished to confirm that the decorative parapet would be retained.

**5) 180351, (PP), 1-3 LANSDOWNE TERRACE, KING EDWARDS PARADE, EASTBOURNE.**

Cons area: Town Centre and Seafront

Proposal: Consent for 1 x internally illuminated, double sided projecting sign, x internally illuminated fascia sign and 3 x non illuminated flagpoles with fabric flags.

**CAAG COMMENTS:** The Group expressed concern regarding the style, design, placement and number of signs and requested that the applicant reconsider their application and return to a future meeting of the Group with an alternative and more suitable proposal. Further, there was some objection to the visual effect of the flagpoles proposed, and it was felt that the outcome of recent applications for hotel signage at both Lansdowne and Hydro Hotels should be used as a model.

**5 New Listings**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm

Councillor Pat Rodohan (Chair)