

Conservation Advisory Group

**Minutes of meeting held Remote meeting held on Teams on 5 September 2023
at 6.00 pm**

Present:

Councillor Kathy Ballard (Chair)

Councillors Jenny Williams (Deputy-Chair), Colin Belsey, Pat Rodohan and Robert Smart

Advisors: Joanna Saady (Chair of Southeast Branch, Institute of Historic Building Conservation and RIBA)

Officers in attendance:

Chris Connelley (Specialist Advisor, Conservation)

9 Minutes of the last meeting dated 11 July 2023

The Minutes of the last meeting, on **11 July 2023** were agreed as an accurate record.

10 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members

Apologies for absence were received from Richard Crook.

11 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 no declarations of interest.

12 Planning Applications for Consideration

Chris Connelley, Specialist Advisor, Conservation, gave a presentation about the one application on the agenda, and the Group considered the application:

Pavilion Tea Rooms, Royal Parade, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN22 7AQ – Ref: 230529 (PP – Planning Permission)

Proposal: Restaurant refurbishment including a toilet block extension, roof replacements, window replacements, blocking up 2 rear window openings, reinstating rear double doors, patio alteration with new steps, ramps and signage.

CAG Comment: The Group welcomed the application, which they believe represented an enhancement of the character and appearance of the conservation area. The inventive use of fenestration, improved accessibility and the attempt to respect and honour the building's original aesthetic, were commended.

Some concerns were expressed about the design for the balustrade, and the Specialist Adviser- Conservation was asked to liaise with the agent/ applicants on the detailing of this specific element.

The Group also requested that a condition be applied by planners to cover maintenance of the solar enhancement planting happens.

13 New Listings

Chris Connelley, Conservation Specialist Advisor, reported no new listings.

14 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled to be held **at 6 pm on Tuesday 7 November 2023**, via Teams.

The meeting ended at 6.40 pm

Councillor Kathy Ballard (Chair)