

Time commenced – 5.15pm

Time finished – 7.35pm

CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE 10 JUNE 2010

Present: Mr D Armstrong (Co-opted) (In the Chair)
Mr P Billson (Derbys Historic Buildings Trust)
Ms J D'Arcy (Derbys Archaeological Society)
Mr C Glenn (IHBC East Midlands)
Mr M Mallender (Co-opted)
Mr J James (Chamber of Commerce)
Mr D Ling (Derby Civic Society)
Councillors Naitta, Turner and Wood

1/10 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Craven, Mrs C Craven and Mr S Hodgkinson.

2/10 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for 2010/11 Municipal Year

It was agreed that Mr D Armstrong be re-appointed as Chair and Mr D Ling be reappointed as Vice Chair for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.

3/10 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

4/10 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Wood declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application DER/05/10/00523 because the applicant was known to him.

5/10 Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6/10 Report on applications determined since the last meeting

The Committee received an update on previous applications that had been determined since the last report. The report was noted.

7/10 Wayfinding Project

An update on the progress of the Wayfinding Project was given to members by Helen Oakes, Urban Designer. It was explained that relevant city structures would be fitted with tags which could be read by mobile phones, enabling users to access information and stories relating to the structures.

Members were provided with a draft list of themes for these stories, and asked to comment on the suitability and make further suggestions to Helen Oakes or Debbie Maltby. Members requested that they be involved in early consultation on the siting and design of the structures. A trial of the tags will also commence on the 21 June 2010 in the Market Place.

Members asked specifically whether the proposals would link in with the planned SightSite project. Councillor Wood updated members on this scheme by informing them that the proposed project would no longer go ahead.

Resolved to note the presentation

8/10 George Rennie Award

Members agreed that the outstanding project of the year was clearly the refurbishment and repair of the North Midland Railway buildings, including the Roundhouse. There were a number of other buildings eligible for the award this year, and Committee resolved to consider the following at the next meeting for a commendation:

- 67 Otter Street bay window reinstatement
- Andersons, The Strand shop front
- 10 Friar Gate shop front
- 20-21 Friar Gate internal refurbishment

Resolved to agree;

- 1. That the North Midland Railway buildings, including the Roundhouse, was the outstanding project of the year**
- 2. That members would consider an officer recommendation at a future on the recipient of the award.**

9/10 Committee Report

City Centre Conservation Area

Application: DER/05/10/00525 – Replacement and repair of York stone slabs in Shirehall and replacement of paving slabs in Courtyard

The Committee raised no objection subject to officer satisfaction with use of new stone.

Darley Abbey Conservation Area

Application: DER/05/10/00540 – Replacement of 3 windows in front elevation

The Committee raised no objection in principle but requested that officers negotiated a reduction in size of the glazing bars.

Friar Gate Conservation Area

Application: DER/05/10/00554 – Display of non-illuminated freestanding sign

The Committee raised no objection.

Railway Conservation Area

Application: DER/05/10/00544 – Retention of display of internally illuminated fascia sign

The Committee recommended refusal. It was acknowledged that the portico was erected approximately 30 years ago without signage. Members considered that an applied fascia would be inappropriate, as would any illumination at this location, to the detriment of the character of the listed building. It was suggested that lettering applied directly to the portico may be more appropriate, subject to the surface under the signage being first investigated for suitability.

Application: DER/05/10/00546 – Display of two internally illuminated fascia signs

The Committee objected to the principle of any external signage for businesses within the station, and in particular in the location proposed in this application, which it was considered would add unnecessary clutter and detract from the appearance of the building. Although it was acknowledged that the internal space of the station entrance was a thoroughfare, no objection was raised to the internal sign as it would not form part of the street scene of the conservation area and would have a neutral impact on its character.

Strutt's Park Conservation Area

Application: DER/05/10/00418 – Retention of display of internally illuminated fascia sign

The Committee raised no objection.

Application: DER/05/10/00523 – Replacement of windows to the front elevation and replacement of a stonework mullion

The Committee raised no objection in principle but it was suggested that officers negotiate with the applicant to include a single vertical glazing bar in each sash of the larger first floor window.

Having declared a prejudicial interest in this item, Councillor Wood absented himself from the meeting during consideration of this application.

Application: DER/05/10/00593 – Alterations and conversion of workshop to form two residential units

The Committee raised no objection to either the change of use or the alterations to form the residential units.

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