

Time Commenced: 17:15
Time Finished: 18:40

CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

16 February 2012

Present: Mr D Armstrong (co-opted) (Chair)
Mr P Billson (Derbyshire Historical Buildings Trust)
Mrs C Craven (Georgian Group)
Mr J James (Chamber of Commerce)
Mr D Ling (Derby Civic Society)
Councillor Whitby
Councillor Wood

Councillor Wood left the meeting during consideration of 82/11

73/11 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Craven, Mr S Hodgkinson, Mr M Mallander and Mr J Sharpe.

74/11 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

75/11 Declarations of Interest

Mr J. James declared a personal interest in planning application DER/01/12/00036 – Land adjacent to 18 Welney Close, Mickleover, Derby, DE3 5NZ.

76/11 Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair, subject to the following amendment.

That under 67/11, there was no “e” at the end of Clark in Clark-Maxwell.

77/11 Report on items determined since the last meeting

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

Resolved to note the report.

78/11 Our City Our River

The Committee received a report on Our City Our River – draft Master Plan consultation. It was reported that there were over 3,600 properties within the flood zone of highest risk along the River Derwent between Milford and

Shardlow. The vast majority of these properties were in the City of Derby. It was reported that every year there was a 4% chance that the River Derwent would overtop the existing defences. The aim of the Master Plan was to reduce Derby's flood risk to less than 1.3%, the maximum rate of risk recommended by the Association of British Insurers.

The Committee noted that the draft Master Plan was out for public consultation and the deadline for making comments on the proposals was 9 March 2012.

The Committee were pleased to note that Derby City Council was taking a formal long term approach to the flood risk along the River Derwent.

Resolved to note the report.

79/11 Corporation Street Improvements

The Committee received a report from Andy Smart, Programme and Projects Manager, on Corporation Street Improvements. It was reported that improvements to Corporation Street were being taken forward as part of the Council's Public Realm programme, to revitalise the setting of the Council House and knit together the Hydro, Riverlights, Riverside Gardens and Council House projects.

It was reported that one of the design judgements was to remove the large cctv column from just outside the front entrance to the Council House and relocate to a wall mounted position on the Assembly Rooms.

The Committee discussed the proposal to place trees on the Council House side of Corporation Street. The Programme and Projects Manager explained that the aim was to add organic structure to further enhance the setting of the Council House. The Committee discussed the different types of trees that could be chosen and expressed concerns about trees being used at all.

Resolved to accept the proposals for moving the cctv to a wall mounted position on the Assembly Rooms.

80/11 Riverside Gardens

The Committee received a report from the Programme and Projects Manager and Peter Dobson, Senior Technician, on Riverside Gardens refurbishment and improved access. It was reported that the improvements to the Riverside gardens were being taken forward as part of the Council's Public Realm programme. A key part of the brief for the Riverside Gardens refurbishment was to improve accessibility from Derwent Street and this was proposed through the provision of a ramp.

The Committee questioned the proposed timber structure of the ramp and the void below the deck level. The Programme and Projects Manager explained that a timber ramp would be the most suitable option in terms of long term maintenance. The Senior Technician reported that the ramp needed to be

designed with a void below the deck level to be in line with the Environment Agency's flood risk requirement.

The Committee questioned whether the ramp could be straight rather than curved. The Programme and Projects manager explained that the turn in the ramp was to give it some form and also incorporate a traffic calming measure with respect to cyclists.

The Committee expressed concerns about the impact of the ramp on the bridge and Council House and suggested the use of less horizontal and vertical bars in the design. It was agreed that the images presented were not detailed enough to allow the Committee to make a decision.

Resolved:

- **to note the report;**
- **to recommend that the final design of the ramp be brought before the Chair of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee for approval;**
- **to request that a copy of the plan showing the Hydro, Riverlights, Riverside Gardens and Council House projects be sent to all Committee Members.**

81/11 Proposed Footway Improvements – North Parade/Darley Grove

The Committee received a report on Proposed Footway Improvements – North Parade/Darley Grove. It was reported that the Derby City Greenway Project was a capital project funded by Growth Points/6C's as part of their Green Infrastructure Strategy with the primary objective of improving access to the River Corridor. The project focused on the north section of the corridor that runs from Bass's Recreation Ground in the City Centre to Darley Park in the north.

It was reported that as part of the contract for footpath widening and surfacing and street lighting works undertaken as part of the Greenway works and nearing completion, it was proposed to construct a new footway from the end of North Parade towards the rowing club and park entrance.

Resolved to note the report.

82/11 Committee Report

Friar Gate Conservation Area

Application No. DER/01/12/00104 & DER/01/12/00105 - Ashgate Primary School,
& Location: Ashbourne Road, Derby, DE22 3FS
Proposal: Refurbishment of school

The Committee raised no objections in principal, subject to the Chair of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee being shown and approving detailed plans of the extensive canopy.

Darley Abbey Conservation Area

Application No. DER/06/11/00726 - Land adjacent St. Matthews Church graveyard,
& Location: north of Darley Abbey Drive, Darley Abbey, Derby
Proposal: Change of use to graveyard

The Committee raised no objections.

Friar Gate Conservation Area

Application No. DER/01/12/00081 - 30-32 Curzon Street, Derby, DE1 1LL
& Location:

Proposal: Change of use of ground and first floor from retail (Use Class A1), office (Use Class A2) and Cafe (Use Class A3) to Cafe (Use Class A3) and alterations to the front and rear elevations

The Committee raised no objections subject to the extractor ducts being treated sympathetically.

Application No. DER/12/11/01452 - Old County Gaol Facade, South Street, Derby,
& Location: D E1 1UQ
Proposal: Restoration of the western tower

The Committee raised no objections.

Little Chester Conservation Area

Application No. DER/11/11/01350 - 18 Roman Road, Derby, DE1 3RX
& Location:
Proposal: Installation of windows to the front elevation

The Committee recommended refusal but stated that new windows with a 50/50 vertical split and a central mullion would be completely acceptable in a ground floor area.

Mickleover Conservation Area

Application No. DER/01/12/00036 - Land adjacent to 18 Welney Close, Mickleover,
& Location: Derby, DE3 5NZ
Proposal: Erection of dwelling house, garage and formation of vehicular access

The Committee raised no objections and welcomed this interesting design.

Others – not in Conservation Areas

Application No. DER/01/12/00032 - 6 Village Street, Derby, DE23 8SZ
& Location:
Proposal: Two-storey extension to place of worship (lobby, w.c., kitchen hall and stairwell, multi-function room), formation of vehicular access, boundary

wall, ceremonial flagpole and ornamental fountain

The committee raised no objections subject to the visual impact of the external stair case being softened by the addition of vertical strips, picking up the rhythm of the building.

Application No. & Location: DER/03/11/00260 - 85-89 King Street, Derby

Proposal: Extension and alterations to shop/flats to form retail (Use Class A1) and offices (Use Class B1) with flat above

The Committee recommended refusal on the grounds that an acceptable treatment of the oddly shaped corner, adjacent to St Helen's House, is not thought feasible and it should remain an open space with landscaping. The Committee recommended that restoration work be carried out on the existing adjacent buildings, 85-89 King Street.

Strutt's Park Conservation Area

Application No. & Location: DER/01/12/00049 - 128 Duffield Road, Derby, DE22 1BG

Proposal: Installation of roof light, dormer, gable window and alterations to chimney

The Committee raised no objections.

Application No. & Location: DER/01/12/00079 - Public Footpath, Arthur Street, Derby (adjacent 2 Arthur Street)

Proposal: Erection of equipment cabinet

The Committee raised no objections.

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