

# MINUTES OF MEETING

## Warwick District Conservation Advisory Forum

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022  
14:30 via Microsoft Teams

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### Attendees:

Cllr Sidney Syson  
Cllr George Illingworth

Ms Ruth Bennion (Leamington Society)  
Mr Gordon Cain (RICS)  
Dr Christine Hodgetts (Warwickshire Gardens Trust)  
Ms Cathy Kimberley (CPRE)  
Ms Gill Smith (Warwick Society)  
Mr Mark Sullivan (RTPI)  
Mr Richard Ward (RIBA)

Mr Robert Dawson (WDC)

### Apologies:

Ms Jane Catterall (WDC)  
Mr Angus Kaye (The Victorian Society)  
Mr James Mackay (20<sup>th</sup> Century Society)

### 1. **Substitutes and New Members**

None.

### 2. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

### 3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** (24 March 2022)

Were agreed.

### 4. **Planning Committee Agenda**

It was noted that CAF comments for application in the committee report for

application reference W/21/0140 were included under Public Responses, rather than under Summary of Representations. Mr R Dawson agreed to raise this with the case officer.

## 5. **Planning Applications**

### 5.1 W/22/0465 – erection of 83 dwellings (including affordable housing), access, internal roads and footpaths, car parking, public open space, landscaping, drainage and other associated works and infrastructure – Land at Warwickshire Police Headquarters, Woodcote Lane, Leek Wootton, Warwick, CV35 7QA

The Forum felt that the development was too urban in character and as a result would fail to harmonise with its surroundings and was detrimental to the rural character of Leek Wootton and the Conservation Area. Whilst CAF did not object in principle to some form of development, the proposed density of the scheme development, combined with the height and scale of buildings, were considered inappropriate in this location.

CAF also questioned the stance of policy DS22 of the Local Plan given that the current proprietors are to now remain on the site. It was raised that the proposal is not in compliance with the Local Plan, as the wording of the aforementioned policy clearly states that development should only come forward in line with restorative and conservation works to Grade II listed Woodcote.

It was also noted that the application makes no reference to the site's status as a Locally Important Park and Garden, as highlighted in Policy HE2 of the Local Plan. Concerns were also raised that the proposal makes no commitment to the maintenance of the landscape, nor does it address the historical significance of the area.

### 5.2 W/22/0298 & W/22/0299/LB – Erection of proposed first floor rear extension over existing flat roof extension. Erection of single storey rear extension. Installation of two sunpipes to roof – 2 Kingswood Cottages, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, B94 6LX

CAF did not support the scheme in its current form. It was felt that obscuring the historic timber frame would be detrimental to such an architecturally and historically significant element of the building.

**Date of next meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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