

WARWICK DISTRICT CONSERVATION ADVISORY FORUM

MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY FORUM HELD ON 24th March 2016

1: PRESENT:

Cllr Mrs P. Cain, Chair, (WDC)
Cllr R. Edgington, Vice-Chair, (WDC)
Cllr G. Cain, (Kenilworth Society)
Mr M. Baxter (The Victorian Society)
Mr J. Mackay (The Warwick Society), (Present for part of meeting)
Mrs R. Bennion (CLARA)
Mr R. Ward (RIBA)
Mr A. Pitts (The Twentieth Century Society)
Dr C. Hodgetts (Warwickshire Gardens Trust)
Mrs C. Kimberley (CPRE)
Mr P. Edwards, (Leamington Society)

2: APOLOGIES

Mr M. Sullivan (RTPI)

3: RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS/MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a correct record.

4: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr R. Edgington declared he had commented upon the application for Warwick Museum (W/16/0325/LB) at a town council meeting.

5: NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

The various items going to planning committee were noted.

It was agreed that Dr C. Hodgetts would speak on behalf of the Forum at Planning Committee in support of the officer recommendation to refuse planning application W/16/0018, 1 Castle Hill, Kenilworth.

6: VISITS:

None

7: PRE APPLICATION

39 High St, Kenilworth: Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with larger dwelling

CAF Response

The previous concerns raised by CAF regarding the size and shape and materials used for the proposed building have been addressed, and views from the Pound and Abbey Fields have been protected. The amended scheme is supported as being carefully considered design.

8: PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 8.1 W/16/0325/LB Warwick Museum, Market Place, Warwick
Proposed alterations and improvements to the Museum including the installation of a platform lift; repairs to external stone cells.

CAF Response

The scheme is supported and the lift is not objected to in principle because it will be reversible but it is recommended that elevations of the lift be provided to ensure its design is worthy of a grade II* listed building.

- 8.2 W/16/0390/LB High Chimneys, Lapworth Street, Bushwood, Lowsonford, Henley-In-Arden, B95 5ET
Conversion of barn and insertion of rooflights and new windows.

CAF Response

The scheme is supported but some design improvements are needed including on the North elevation, where the segmental arch over the large aperture should be retained. A commercial use would have been preferred but if that is not viable the residential conversion is supported.

- 8.3 W/16/0457 98 Bridge End, Warwick CV34 6PD
Erection of a two storey and single storey rear extension; bay window to the front elevation and new pitched roof to garage (resubmission of W/15/0501)

CAF Response

Concern was raised over the very large size of the proposed rear extensions, which are poorly designed and would set a damaging precedent for other over dominant extensions, and would harm (oblique) views of the building from the street, and views to the rear from the Grade I listed Castle Park. It was considered the proposals would harm the appearance of this part of the Warwick Conservation Area.

- 8.4 W/16/0374 Leamington Plant Hire, Wood Street, Leamington Spa CV32 4HQ
Change of use and extensions to existing building to provide 4no. three bedroomed houses, demolition of outbuildings and covered yard to provide amenity space and car parking.

CAF Response

The scheme is supported, as it will ensure this interesting historic building continues to make a positive contribution to the conservation area. It is recommended that a more sensitive fenestration and front door design be explored, together with retention of architectural features, such as fleurs-de-lis ridge tiles and decorative ventilation grilles. More detailed research is needed on the history of the building to inform the design proposals.

10: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21st April 2016.

Any Other Business

None.

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