

MINUTES OF MEETING

Warwick District Conservation Advisory Forum

Thursday 19th April 2018

2.30 PM – Room 2.37 - Riverside House, Milverton Hill

Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 5HZ

Attendees:

Cllr Mrs P Cain (Chair)
Mr P Edwards (Leamington Society)
Ms C Kimberley (CPRE)
Mr G Cain (RICS)
Mrs R Bennion (CLARA)
Mr A Kaye (The Victorian Society)
Mr R Dawson (WDC)

Apologies:

Cllr Caroline Evetts
Mr R Ward (RIBA)
Mr D Stocks (Whitnash Society)
Mr M Sullivan (Royal Town Planning Institute)
Dr C Hodgetts (Warwickshire Gardens Trust)
Mr J Mackay (Warwick Society and the Twentieth Century Society)

Agenda

1. **Emergency Procedure**

At the commencement of the meeting the emergency procedure for the building was announced.

2. **Substitutes and New Members**

None.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr G Cain declared that he is the District Ward Councillor for Lillington (related to W/18/0330)

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

Were agreed.

5. Visits

5.1 None.

6. Pre-Application Presentation

None

7. Planning Applications

7.1 W/18/0128 | Increase in ridge height to create 2nd floor accommodation and erection of 3 storey rear extension to existing commercial property to create 8 flats and 2 shops | 16 Clemens Street, Leamington Spa, CV31 2DL

7.2 CAF comments:

7.3 CAF considers that the proposed Juliette balconies on the first floor are out of character with the Conservation Area and should be amended to match the double casement sliding sash window as per the existing elevation.

7.4 W/18/0484 & W/18/0485/LB | Demolition of existing rear extension to be replaced with new 3 storey rear extension and internal alterations | 30 Grove Street, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AJ

7.5 CAF comments:

7.6 CAF considers the proposed works to enhance the character of the Conservation Area, however subject to retaining the front elevation as existing, particularly the sash windows and front door.

7.7 CAF feels that the external appearance of the proposed rear extension is an improvement on the existing three storey extension, which enhances the character of the Conservation Area.

7.8 W/18/0528/LB | Construction of new Customer Information Point on Platform 3. | Leamington Spa Railway Station, Old Warwick Road, Leamington Spa, CV31 3NS

7.9 CAF comments:

8.0 CAF appreciates that an attempt has been made to provide the public with a much needed facility on platform 3.

8.1 CAF however feels that the proposed Customer Information Point should reflect the art deco style architecture of the Station, most notably the neighbouring refreshments building, and should aim for a more elegant and open design.

8.2 **Any Other Business**

8.3 W/18/0237 | New external escape ramp from the care home social space | James Hirons Home, 53 Lillington Road, Leamington Spa, CV32 6LD

8.4 CAF comments:

8.5 CAF is in favour of sensitively adapting historic buildings to meet emergency exit requirements and those present offered support for the scheme.

8.6 Conservation Areas - possible increased housing numbers over and above those approved in the local plan

There was considerable debate among the forum members about how to best protect our conservation areas and heritage assets from the impact of added housing numbers from those recommended in the WDC Local Plan.

CAF advise that in these cases that Local Plan housing allocations numbers should where possible be respected.

CAF members agreed to submit, prior to the next meeting, any further thoughts on this issue.

Date of next meeting: 14TH June 2018

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