



PLANNING FORUM

Notes of meeting held at 7.30pm Wednesday 19 January 2016 at Parmoor House

Those present: John Henry and Mike Sheppard

Apologies: Bruce Buchanan, Mike Duckering, Douglas Ogle (who sent written comments) and Caroline Dunn

WEEKLY LIST 18 DECEMBER 2015

1. Application No: 15/02176/FUL

Location: The Bredons Harp Hill Charlton Kings Cheltenham
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling known as 'The Bredons' and erection of 2 no. detached dwellings and associated works
Applicant: Savignac Developments Limited
Agent: Mr James Griffin
Comments: **We are quite happy with the chalet approach, and think this should provide an interesting foil to the proposed adjoining development**

2. Application No: 15/02131/FUL

Location: Land Off Sandy Lane Charlton Kings Cheltenham
Proposal: Construction of a low contoured earth flood bund in the grazing meadow to the south of Southfield Manor Park. Its purpose being to intercept and attenuate out of channel flow from Southfield Brook and overland surface water run-off from the Cotswold escarpment. In addition, a second smaller earth bund is proposed immediately south of properties in Hartley Close. The proposed scheme provides the benefit of reduced flood risk to properties in Southfield Manor Park, Hartley Close and Sandy Lane.
Applicant: Cheltenham Borough Council
Agent: Mr Shauket Khan
Comments: **This is a measure to be welcomed as a way of preventing further flood**

3. Application No: 15/02183/DEEM3

Location: Cheltenham East Community Fire Station Keynsham Road Cheltenham
Proposal: Erection of training tower
Applicant: Property Strategy
Agent: Mr Andrew Carr
Comments: **Already dealt with by CBC as consultee**

4. Application No: 15/02177/FUL

Location: Wellington Lodge Wellington Square Cheltenham
Proposal: Proposed sunken terrace, summerhouse and landscaping
Applicant: Mr Barry Hulme
Agent: Ms Curstain Keltie
Comments: **In principle, we have no objection but we do question the need to replace a beech hedge with a yew one.**

WEEKLY LIST 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. Application No: 15/02268/FUL

Location: 57-59 Winchcombe Street Cheltenham
Proposal: Partial demolition and mixed-use conversion to 11no. apartments and commercial/retail unit (Use Classes A1, A2, or B1a) with associated external alterations, fourth floor extension, car parking, cycle and refuse storage. t.
Applicant: Gallery Estates Limited
Agent: Mr Colin Pemble
Comments: **We are sympathetic to this proposal. We acknowledge that a mix of retail and residential is the most viable way forward as the possibility of the use of this site as an arts centre is no longer realistic. We think that what is proposed retains the essential character of the old mill buildings, which is important as it is an unusual style for Cheltenham. We also accept – given that the structure is not listed – that alterations necessary to make it a workable scheme must be accepted, provided the overall character of the building is retained – as it is. It is also our view that for a residential scheme in this area to be viable parking must be provided. We are slightly concerned about the small size of the smaller units.**

2. Application No: 15/02007/FUL

Location: 282 London Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham
Proposal: Demolition of existing vacant dwelling house. Landscaping works to remove existing trees identified on Arboricultural Report, planting of new trees and erection of new retaining wall. Erection of 2no. 5 bedroom detached dwelling houses and separate garage block with parking courtyard and private rear gardens (revised scheme following refusal of planning permission ref. 15/01450/FUL
Applicant: Miss Alexia Buckwell
Agent: Mr Phil Cooksey
Comments: **The design for these houses is excessively traditional, and they appear rather crammed into the site. We would have hoped for something more imaginative or eye-catching.**

3. Application No: 15/02213/FUL

Location: Wayside Balcarras Road Charlton Kings Cheltenham
Proposal: Erection of replacement dwelling
Applicant: Bredons Norton Builders Ltd
Agent: Mr B Stanley
Comments: **This is an appropriate low profile design that works well in this wooded location. We commend it.**

4. Application No: 15/02266/FUL

Location: Trelawn Court Rodney Road Cheltenham
Proposal: Proposed development of a new dwelling above nos. 3 and 4 Trelawn Court
Applicant: Mr Oliver Bishop
Agent: Mr John Everitt
Comments: **This is a very sensitive site in the centre of the town. It could do with upgrading, but this scheme does not achieve that.**

5. Application No: 15/02262/FUL

Location: Charlton Lane Hospital Charlton Lane Cheltenham
Proposal: Extension of existing parking area to create of 20 number new parking spaces
Applicant: Mr Adrain Eggleton
Agent: Quattro Design Architects Ltd
Comments: **This is to be welcomed as overspill parking on Charlton Lane is a real issue.**

WEEKLY LIST 8 JANUARY 2016

1. Application No: 15/02261/FUL

Location: Dean Close School Shelburne Road Hatherley Cheltenham
Proposal: Replacement fencing
Applicant: Dean Close School
Agent:
Comments: **This will be very unsightly and make the school look – and feel – like a prison.**

WEEKLY LIST 15 JANUARY 2016

1. Application No: 16/00007/FUL

Location: Eagle Star Tower Podium Montpellier Drive Cheltenham
Proposal: External alterations comprising the replacement of all existing windows with uPVC units; rendering all protruding features of the elevation; adding grey trespa panelling; and adding double doors in various existing openings
Applicant: Mr Melvin Griffen
Agent: Mr Daniel Drayton
Comments: **We do not like the proposal for pvc windows, and we strongly disapprove of the proposed rendering of the protruding features of the elevation. Even if you do not like the Eagle Tower it is better to leave it as it is with its original character retained intact than to subject it to partial face-lifts in a misguided attempt to bring it up to date.**
