



CHELTENHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

PLANNING FORUM

Note of meeting held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at Parmoor House

Those present: Peter Sayers (Chair), Mike Sheppard, Rob Rimmel, Tess Beck (Minutes) & Mike Richardson & Adrian Phillips.

Apologies: Andrew Chard, Bruce Buchanan, Mike Duckering, Andrew Booton & Douglas Ogle.

Pittville School, Albert Road, Cheltenham

Erection of new sports hall, all-weather floodlit (3G) football pitch, tennis courts and associated parking and landscaping, including demolition of 2 no. dwellings (revision to planning permission 15/01162/FUL)

Planning ref: 18/02493/FUL

The Forum is generally in favour, though had doubts about the canyon created between the buildings as pupils enter the school and the lost opportunity for creating a social space for pupils in front of the entrance. It is a shame that the budget does not allow for an environmentally exemplary scheme.

Glenmore Lodge, Wellington Square, Cheltenham

Single storey rear extension to create a garden room at basement level and terrace at ground floor level

Planning ref: 18/02540/LBC

No comment submitted.

Glenmore Lodge Wellington Square, Cheltenham

Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage

Planning ref: 18/02542/LBC

No comment submitted.

Glenfall Farm Stables, Ham Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham

Conversion of stable buildings to form three dwellings plus demolition of existing farmhouse and erection of new dwelling (revised scheme ref: 18/00633/COU)

Planning ref: 18/023018/FUL

The Forum takes note of the neighbours' comments and sympathise with the concerns expressed by residents of Wadleys Farm. We note the approval granted in May 2018 which seemed to be a better scheme, and wonder why this new application has been put forward. Without a design statement accompanying the elevations, the supplied plans are mysterious and poorly labelled.

116 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham

Development of 7no. dwellings with private amenity space and vehicular parking on land adjacent existing retail unit.

Planning ref: 18/02567/FUL

The Forum objects to the use of the cladding on the frontage of these buildings as it does not relate to the surrounding buildings. The absence of glazing bars on the windows is also not in keeping with neighbouring residential properties.

25 Cirencester Road Charlton Kings, Cheltenham

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 4no. detached dwellings.

Ref. No: 18/02609/FUL

This is prominent site immediately adjacent to the Conservation Area, which will be seen by everyone coming into Cheltenham from this direction, so we would have expected a scheme of much higher quality. Unfortunately, the architect has sought no inspiration from the immediate surroundings or from Cheltenham's aesthetic. We are concerned that the applicant seeks to remove a mature and previously prominent tree immediately adjacent to the Conservation Area boundary, which could possibly be an elm. It appears that tree surgery has already commenced on this tree.

66 Albion Street, Cheltenham

Demolition of existing building and erection of four storey block of 10 apartments and associated works

Planning ref: 18/02627/FUL

This site is a prominent route through Cheltenham, sandwiched between a charming historic terrace and a faux regency development. This is a missed opportunity to improve on the existing building.

2c Regent Street, Cheltenham

Replacement of shopfront

Planning ref: 18/02620/FUL

The Forum would be interested to see if the arcade of 2b Regent Street is repeated under the sign of 2c Regent Street. If so, could the applicant be encouraged to remove the fascia board and restore the facade. The removal of the double doors is an improvement.

72 Tennyson Road, Cheltenham

Demolition of a garage/ storage outbuilding and construction of one dwelling.

Ref. No: 18/02436/FUL

This application lacks sufficient detail for considered comment, but we do not support the use of what appears to be wood cladding in the Poets Conservation Area. We would like more information on the proposed materials. On the information available, this dwelling would make no positive contribution to the Conservation Area.
