



PLANNING FORUM

Note of meeting held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 17 December 2019 at Parmoor House

Those present: Peter Sayers (Chair), Andrew Booton, Adrian Phillips, Tess Beck (Minutes), Mike Duckering, Mike Sheppard & Mike Richardson.

Apologies: Rob Rimmell

334 Gloucester Road, Cheltenham

Demolition of 2 no. existing derelict houses and erection of 5 no. 2 bed dwellings

Planning ref: 19/02309/FUL

The Civic Society Planning Forum supports this application. There are carbon neutrality opportunities which have not been realised e.g. solar panels on south east facing roof. We agree with the Architects Panel that the Gloucester Road elevation would benefit from improvement. We welcome the greenery along the Gloucester Road. We are concerned that no bin storage appears to be provided (as opposed to collection point).

218 London Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham

Erection of a new two-bedroom detached bungalow to the rear of 218 London Road

Planning ref: 19/02316/FUL

The Civic Society Planning Forum does not support this application. In principle, a single storey bungalow could be acceptable in this location, for example one with a flat roof and slightly sunken. This design, however, is not acceptable, even with the lack of detail provided. Ideally when building behind another building, the design should take inspiration from other dwelling types subservient to the main dwelling, e.g. a coach house. There is a significant difference between this plot and 124 London Road, which is wider and backs onto a play area.

Davis Home Fayre, 93 Albion Street, Cheltenham

Change of use with internal and external alterations to create 2 no. residential apartments

Planning ref: 19/02361/FUL

The Civic Society Planning Forum supports this application. The building deserves to be brought back into use. The Albion Street façade deserves to be better and would be improved if it took inspiration for the windows from neighbouring buildings (not the car park), e.g. a Venetian sash on the ground floor and a warehouse style door on the first floor. At some stage, it may have been a coach house.

Fiddlers Green Lodge, Pheasant Lane, Cheltenham

Erection of 2 no. self-build dwellings including landscaping, footpath and passing bay

Planning ref: 19/02417/FUL

The Civic Society Planning Forum does not support this application. This site falls within the area earmarked for the West Cheltenham development. It requires a better scheme to develop a wider site, not piecemeal, notwithstanding that there is already permission for one house. This site should be considered in the context of the West Cheltenham proposal, as it compromises the designated green infrastructure in the wider plan (cf page 30 of West Cheltenham Plan). Even were it within the scheme, the design is of poor quality

12 Charlton Park Gate, Cheltenham

New replacement dwelling

Planning ref: 19/02409/FUL

The Civic Society Planning Forum supports this application, though the panel was divided on the architectural merits of the design. There is ample opportunity to improve the sustainability aspects of the build to help meet Cheltenham's carbon neutrality goals.
