



CHELTENHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

PLANNING FORUM

Note of meeting held at 6.00pm on Friday 4 July 2018 at Parmoor House

Those present: Peter Sayers, Penny Hall, Bruce Buchanan, Rob Rimell, Tess Beck, Andrew Booton & Mike Duckering

Apologies: Douglas Ogle & Mike Sheppard

Tess Beck was confirmed as a member of the Planning Forum

Beards, 70 Promenade, Cheltenham

Exterior redecoration, reinstatement of awnings and new projecting clock

Planning ref: 18/00771/LBC

The Planning Forum welcomes Beards application to improve this important frontage on the Promenade. The Planning Forum is in favour of the tradition of a jeweller's shop displaying a wall clock, however the Omega watch design selected proposed is particularly overblown. The Planning Forum recommends a much simpler style of face that would be more fitting for the overall concept.

The Planning Forum welcomes the use of blinds in this location.

Land off Brockhampton Lane, Swindon Village, Cheltenham

Outline application for residential development of 17 dwellings

Planning ref: 18/01234/OUT

It would be difficult to oppose the development of a site designated in the JCS.

This is an acceptable site for such development, which although outside the bounds of the existing village, would appear a well-contained extension with minimal impact on the surrounding green-field land. The suggested layout, submitted with the outline application, appears relatively well considered, but a tighter, denser layout would be preferred. The proposal to set back the garages and parking is fully supported.

The Planning Forum commends this application and looks forward to the full planning application, which it is hoped will offer imaginative and well-designed houses. The Forum will request a representation by the developer prior to full planning submission so that its input can be offered at an early stage.

HSBC, 2-4 Promenade, Cheltenham

Alterations to create an accessible branch entrance and alterations to existing ATMs

Planning ref: 18/01202/LBC

The provision of disabled access, as required by law, is welcomed but the Planning Forum expressed concerns that the space allowed is too restricted to be of benefit.

The Planning Forum recommends that consideration should be given to a redesign encompassing the whole ground floor to resolve the space restrictions apparent at the entrance.

The proposed lowering of the ATM machines is acceptable provided that the reinstatement of stonework etc. is meticulously carried out, to include the reinstatement of the string-courses.

The Planning Forum suggests that frameless double glass sliding doors, instead of an off centre swing door, would be more appropriate for the entrance. The Planning Forum would have appreciated more detail as to the exact up-lighting colour proposed and we have strong reservations regarding the colour of the infill panels to the upper lights of the windows.
