



CHELTENHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

PLANNING FORUM

Notes of online meeting held at 6.15pm on Tuesday 24 March 2020

Those present: Rob Rimell (Chair), Peter Sayers, Adrian Phillips, Tess Beck (Minutes), & Mike Duckering

Apologies: Andrew Booton, Andrew Kitching, Mike Sheppard & Mike Richardson
David Oakhill (invited guest)

154 Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham

Replace property front garden with parking for two cars, including dropped kerb to allow access

Planning ref: 20/00317/FUL

OBJECT. Notwithstanding the precedent set by permissions already granted to 156 Leckhampton Road et al, the Civic Society Planning Forum objects to this application, as each application incrementally damages the street-scene. This proposal would destroy the grass verge and threaten the health of the street trees as their root space is reduced. The context in which such schemes should be assessed has changed due to the Climate Emergency and need to achieve a net biodiversity gain. Should this be permitted, the Forum is concerned that the specified width is not enough for 2 cars, so instead space should be created for only one car, which would still allow landscaping. We would also like to see a condition stipulating the parking area should be porous, and that gravel will be prevented from spreading over the adjoining pavement.

22 Promenade, Cheltenham

New fascia signage, projecting hanging sign and external shop front alterations

Planning ref: 20/00316/ADV

SUPPORT. The revised application is acceptable as a light touch, and is an improvement on the original submission.

3 Tivoli Street, Cheltenham

Replacement of existing outbuilding in rear garden facing Tivoli Lane to create garaging at ground floor with a residential annex above (renewal of planning permission ref: 17/00543/FUL due to expire May 2020)

Planning ref: 20/00328/FUL

SUPPORT. The Civic Society Planning Forum asks that the Tree Protection Plan which was a condition of the previous permission should be carried forward for the renewed application.

Tivoli Place, Tivoli Road, Cheltenham

Replace decayed wooden windows with aluminium powder coated frames with double glazing

Planning ref: 20/00388/FUL

NEUTRAL. The Civic Society Planning Forum supports the principle of replacing single glazed windows with double glazing, providing that the U-value of the windows is sufficient to make a serious improvement to the insulation. It should be a condition of any consent that full technical details of the windows – including a U-value at least as good as current Regulations – are submitted for approval.

Nationwide Building Society, 225-227 High Street, Cheltenham

Outline application for conversion of the first & second floors into 4 no. flats with all matters reserved

Planning ref: 20/00408/OUT

SUPPORT. The Civic Society Planning Forum supports this as an outline application. We are strongly in favour of the principle of using the floors above town centre businesses for residential accommodation. We would like to see more details of the proposals for the frontage in the full application. The comments from Gloucestershire Highways are noted: could vehicle/ cycle parking be provided at the rear of the building?

23 Naunton Road, Cheltenham

Demolition of existing front boundary wall and construction of new walls with piers, railings and gates for 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 & 33 Naunton Road

Planning ref: 20/00448/FUL

SUPPORT. The Civic Society Planning Forum strongly supports this application. We were impressed that a group of neighbours have come together to co-operate on this improvement to the street-scene.
