



CHELTENHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

PLANNING FORUM

Note of meeting held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 13 December 2018 at Parmoor House

Those present: Peter Sayers (Chair), Mike Duckering, Mike Sheppard, Rob Rimmel, Bruce Buchanan, Douglas Ogle, Andrew Booton, Tess Beck (Minutes) & Mike Richardson. Adrian Phillips (observing)

Apologies: Andrew Chard

2 Netherwood Gardens, Cheltenham

Erection of a detached dwelling

Planning ref: 18/02271/FUL

The Planning Forum is disappointed in the presentation of the proposed plans, which fail to contextualise the dwelling in its surroundings. This appears to be an appropriate site for an infill building, but this is an unedifying and unexciting design on which we have little or no information.

Northern Lights, Harp Hill, Charlton Hill, Cheltenham

Erection of replacement dwelling with garaging (following demolition of all buildings on the site)

Planning ref: 18/02291/FUL

No comment submitted.

28 Bouncers Lane, Cheltenham

Change of use from C3 to C2 and extension to form 8 bedroom Care Facility

Planning ref: 18/02308/FUL

No comment submitted.

372 London Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham

Erection of new first floor, two & single storey extensions, and loft conversion following demolition of rear single storey bathroom

Planning ref: 18/023018/FUL

The Planning Forum feels that the proposed designs have made some good improvements to the internal space. However, regarding the front elevation, the skylights should be smaller, in proportion and of conservation grade, and this would also be an opportunity to bring the other front elevation windows to conservation grade. This would improve the quality of the frontage, which is on a key route into town.

8 Suffolk Square, Cheltenham

LDC application for use of building as 14 self-contained flats

Planning ref: 18/02335/CLEUD

No comment submitted.

337 High Street, Cheltenham

Change of use of and alterations to former Labour Club to provide 5 no. apartments and 1 no. 5 bedroom HMO

No comment submitted.

Clifton, Pittville Circus Road, Cheltenham

Extension of existing rear and side extensions

Planning ref: 18/02378/FUL

The proposed extensions fail to comply with national guidelines on extensions to buildings in terms of balance and relief, and fail to respect the character of the original building. If there were 'How Not to do an Extension' guidelines on the Planning Portal, this would be it.

Fiddlers Green Lodge, Pheasant Lane, Cheltenham

Outline application to erect one dwelling (all matters reserved)

Planning ref: 18/023399/OUT

The principle of self-build is welcomed and to be encouraged. But we are concerned why the rest of the field has not been included in terms of the future of the site. Surely it would be better to consider the site as a whole, rather than one plot at a time.

Land to the north of Lake Street, Prestbury, Cheltenham

Erection of single dwelling with garaging and private amenity space, new turning head and landscaping

Planning ref: 18/02403/FUL

No objection to the principle of building on this site, but this design appears incoherent and architecturally inconsistent. If the applicant wants to build in a medieval style, they should stick to it. The fenestration particularly lets it down. There is too wide a range of materials, some of which seem inappropriate for this style of building.

73 Moorend Park Road, Cheltenham

Erection of replacement dwelling

Planning ref: 18/02404/FUL

This building could be anywhere. Having gone to the trouble of demolishing an existing building, it presented the opportunity to for a more imaginative design. The materials specified – buff brick, grey aluminium, and slate roofs – do not combine well.

51 London Road, Cheltenham

Erection of three bay garage

Planning ref: 18/02363/LBC

The proposal seems to be unnecessarily bulky if the first floor is only intended for storage. We assume there will no changes to the boundary brick wall.
