



# CHELTENHAM CIVIC SOCIETY

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## PLANNING FORUM

Note of meeting held at 6.00pm on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at Parmoor House

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

**Apologies:** Adrian Phillips

### **Pittville School, Albert Road, Cheltenham**

Application for approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 15/01163/OUT for the erection of up to 58 dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping.

Planning ref: 19/00053/REM

The forum is disappointed that there is no sense of community or community space within the development; no space for children to play and neighbours to talk. The NPPF allows for greater density of building. By including more 3 storey houses and terraces, the applicants could create squares, which would better reflect the urban character of Cheltenham. The good design commission is underway. How does this application possibly contribute. The Planning Forum feels this development lacks ambition and cohesion.

### **Urban Outfitters, Unit J The Brewery Quarter, High Street, Cheltenham**

1no. internally illuminated blade signs- internally illuminated letters with aluminium edge trim

Planning ref: 19/0008/ADV

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.

### **Telephone Repeater Station Parabola Road, Cheltenham**

Demolition of existing building and clearance of site to include the removal of 2no. trees in front garden area, and erection of new apartment building comprising 12no. residential apartments with associated parking and landscaping

Planning ref: 19/00111/FUL

According to Historic England the Telephone Repeater Station has some local interest as an example of its type and as a well-composed 1950s building. The planning forum is disappointed that as such it has not benefitted from local listing. The forum does not object to the change of use to residential, but strongly objects to its unnecessary demolition. Having attended a presentation on the proposed development, the forum has heard nothing that convinces them of the merit of the proposed new building above re-developing the existing Repeater station.

### **London Camera Exchange Promenade, Cheltenham**

Repair and redecoration of 10-14 The Promenade

Planning ref: 19/00167/LBC

This looks like a sympathetic scheme that will improve the listed building. This is the standard that we should expect for listed buildings in the central conservation area.

### **Flat 6 Burford Lodge 5 Montpellier Parade, Cheltenham**

Installation of a Delta air gap system (part lower ground floor)

Ref. No: 19/00182/LBC

No comment submitted.

### **Mulberry House Daisy Bank Road, Cheltenham**

Creation of a private outdoor riding area measuring 20m x 40m to allow for the exercise of horses in all weather conditions and associated change of use from agricultural.

Planning ref: 19/00174/FUL

The forum is strongly opposed to this proposal. It will introduce a very unsightly and conspicuous feature into the view as seen from Leckhampton Hill. The land is in the Cotswolds AONB and the views are an important feature of the AONB.

### **103 Linden Avenue, Prestbury, Cheltenham**

First floor front extension to provide additional bedroom and conversion of garage to storeroom and habitable space

Planning ref: 19/00196/FUL

No comment submitted.

### **Car Park, Chester Walk, Cheltenham**

Proposed Mixed Use Innovation Hub for the town centre

Planning ref. No: 19/00204/FUL

This is the type of innovative development we welcome in the town centre, and we hope this will be the catalyst for further improvements to the Minster curtilage. We particularly favour the entrance to the churchyard. The forum particularly welcomes the proposed use of solar power and battery storage, and hope this will be an exemplar for future planning applications. We would like to see more information on the service access, including bin storage and vehicular access, considering the likely potential use.

### **24 Greatfield Drive, Cheltenham**

Erection of new detached dwelling within curtilage

Planning ref: 19/00217/FUL

The forum feels that this is a wasted opportunity for an imaginative development on a good-sized infill site. This planning submission does not seem to comply with the standards required by the National Planning Portal: indeed it could be used as an exemplar of what not to do.

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