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West Area Planning Committee

Date: **Wednesday 8 October 2014**

Time: **6.30 pm**

Place: **Long Room - Town Hall**

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West Area Planning Committee

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The Head of City Development has submitted a report which details a planning application for the installation of a memorial stone at Bonn Square Oxford.

The proposal is to erect a memorial in Bonn Square to the volunteers from Oxfordshire who died in the International Brigades in the Spanish Civil War

Officer recommendation:

The Committee is recommended to refuse the application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed memorial stone, by reason of its height, width, depth, design, material and location, is considered inappropriate in size and would appear visually intrusive and over-dominant in Bonn Square. In addition it would detract from the setting of the adjacent listed buildings and in particular the Tirah Memorial. The development as proposed would be harmful to the setting of the listed building No.1 New Inn Hall Street, the Grade II listed Tirah Memorial and the Central (city and University) Conservation Area. This harm would be less than substantial, and without an overriding public benefit the proposal is considered contrary to Policies CP1, CP8, CP10, HE3 and HE7 of the Oxford Local Plan 2001-2016, Policy CS18 of the Core Strategy and the NPPF.

2. The proposed memorial stone would result in the cluttering of the public open space, which is contrary to the aims of the West Area Action Plan in relation to Bonn Square. Due to its location close to the end wall of No.1 New Inn Hall Street would increase the feeling of insecurity and reduce natural surveillance, leading to an area conducive to littering and potential for crime, contrary to the principles of 'Secured by Design' and Policies CP9, CP10 and CP12 of the Oxford Local Plan 2001-2016 and Policy CS19 of the Core Strategy and WE5 of the West End Area Action Plan.

4 117 FAIRACRES RD - 14/01012/FUL 11 - 18

The Head of City Development has submitted a report which details a planning application for a two storey rear extension, two velux style roof lights to side roof slope and porch to front door.

Officer recommendation: That the Committee APPROVE the planning application subject to the following conditions:

1. Development begun within time limit.
2. Develop in accordance with approved plans.
3. Materials – matching.
4. Amenity - no windows to side.
5. Sustainable drainage.
6. Details excluded submit revised plans.
7. Flood proofing.
8. Floor levels.

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The Head of City Development has submitted a report which details a planning application for the erection of a part single, part two storey rear extension.

Officer recommendation: That the Committee APPROVE the planning application subject to the following conditions:

1. Development begun within time limit.
2. Develop in accordance with approved plans.
3. Materials – matching.
4. Amenity no additional windows – side.
5. SUDS.

6 PLANNING APPEALS 27 - 38

To receive information on planning appeals received and determined during August and September 2014.

The Committee is asked to note this information.

7 MINUTES 39 - 44

Minutes from the meetings of 9th September and 24th September 2014

Recommendation: That the minutes of the meetings held on 9th September and 24th September 2014 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

8 FORTHCOMING APPLICATIONS

The following applications for consideration by the committee are listed for information. They are not for discussion at this meeting.

- Aristotle Lane: 14/01348/FUL: Replacement footbridge
- Former Wolvercote Paper Mill: 13/01861/OUT: Residential
- Former Builders Yard, Collins Street: 14/01273/OUT: Residential
- Jericho Boatyard: 14/01441/FUL: Residential, community centre, boatyard
- 4 - 5 Queen Street / 114 - 119 St Aldates: Retail and student accommodation
- St John's College: 14/02399/FUL & 14/02396/LBD: Extension to library
- Chiltern Line: Report on planning conditions.

The chief principal planner will report any additional applications at the meeting.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee will meet on the following dates:

2014

Thursday 9th October if necessary (overflow meeting)

Wednesday 12th November (Thursday 13th November if necessary)

Wednesday 10th December (Thursday 11th December if necessary)

2015

Tuesday 13th January (Thursday 15th January if necessary)

Tuesday 10th February (Thursday 12th February if necessary)

Tuesday 10th March (Thursday 19th March if necessary)

Tuesday 14th April (Thursday 16th April if necessary)

Tuesday 12th May (Thursday 14th May if necessary)

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