Planning Report: 10 November 2021 updates in red

1.0 Thomas Peacocke site. Plutus Developments RR/2017/1778/P

Full conditional approval was granted on 23 December 2020. No further progress

2.0 Bridge Point Studios. Martello Developments RR/2019/789/P

Consent granted.

Works on site did not commence in April as local residents were advised.

No response to date on RCS concerns regarding use of Bridge Point Studios for commercial film work. Revised application for elevational changes including removal of rooflights to main studio. Either due to value engineering or a requirement if studio used as film and video studios or both. We believe will require a change of use for use as film studios and we will raise this as part of our comments on latest application as we have not received any response to our letter to Rother which they passed on to Martello.

The change will mean that it is a far less interesting roofscape when seen from the Citadel. We have objected.

3.00 Rye College. New all-weather illuminated pitch RR/2019/785/P

No change

Decision still awaited

4.00 Old Nat. West Bank RR/2019/2577/L

Covers change of use. Undecided

We remain concerned at the stripped woodwork being exposed to the weather.

It is presumed that this awaits evidence of unsuccessful marketing over 18 months as required by RNP or just the standard Rother planning delay.

5.00 48 Ferry Road Approval RR/2018/1828/P

Cleaning of external brickwork completed, they have made a good job.

6.00 George Hotel RR/573/P

Conditional planning approval now granted for all works with the exception of the external painting which is to be the subject of a separate application. There is also the problem of painting externally during the winter.

7.00 Land adjacent The Globe Military Road RR/2020/493/P

Ex Committee did not object although there was differing opinions on the finish to the boarding.

8.00 Flood Works East Bank Rother RR/2020/1572/P

Conditional planning approval granted

9.00 Mill Lane/Ferry Road RR/2019/840/P Mill Lane/Ferry Road

Outline: Development of 6 dwellings

Appeal against refusal lodged.

Letter sent to inspector pointing out that the latest landscape drawings submitted cannot be achieved due to Network rail restrictions on new tree planting next to railway boundary.

10.00 Replacement street lamps

Alternative street lamp sample installed.. Andrew B says that it is a great improvement

11.00 Tide View. New England Lane RR/2020/2532/P

Conditional planning approval granted.

As to the question of the stability of the cliff the RDC report states 'ultimately paragraph 184 of the NPPF is clear that 'Where a site is affected by contamination or land stability issues, responsibility for securing a safe development rests with the developer and/or landowner'

12.00 Longer House RR/2021/2057/P

Change of use of 1st & 2nd Floors to residential. GF & basement to remain commercial.

We have written in support. A new listed building application has been submitted which seeks to put back the external steps on to the High Street which will significantly reduce the pavement width. Regretfully I believe we should object to this.

13.00 Aviemore Guest House . Fishmarket Road

Change of use to residential refused on grounds of loss of tourist accommodation. It will be interesting to see if the parallel application for Willow Tree House on Winchelsea Rd is approved given the apparently correct marketing information showing an 18 month unsuccessful sales campaign.

Ironically even if the change to residential C3 was allowed, it doesn't mean that a good proportion of the bedrooms could not be let out as Airbnb.

14.00 There does seem to be a discernable improvement in the time taken to validate new applications and in dealing with the back log, eg. The George.