

Plans Inspected

10/01561/F

Dairy Crest Ltd, Holmes Close

Redevelopment of site to provide 100% affordable housing (social rented) comprising 7 No two bed houses; 7 No three bed houses; 1 No four bed house with associated open space, landscaping and parking.

Good use of materials and sensitive development of the site. Affordable housing which is better designed than many more expensive estates.

10/01739/F -154 Constitution Hill

Erection of front and rear single storey extensions and removal of chimney stack

This proposal swamps an interesting bungalow which is a very good example of its period. It disturbs the proportions of the roof. A better idea would have been to keep the extensions to the rear and preserve the classic facade.

10/01764/L - Ivory House, All Saints Green

Internal alterations to facilitate the conversion of the existing seven flats into 12 No flats and the erection of an adjoining building as a new extension to facilitate the provision of a further eight flats (providing a total of 20 No flats), plus works of maintenance and restoration of the fabric of the Listed Building

There should be an historic assessment of this listed building and also an impact assessment in accordance with Policy HE6 of PPS5. The previous conversion was badly done and members feel very strongly that this dignified Georgian building's interior should be sympathetically converted, and proper professional repairs carried out on what is one of Norwich's most important Ivory buildings. Any extension should be very carefully designed.

10/01777/F - Romany Rye Public House, Colman Road

Conversion of existing public house and living accommodation (Class A4) to form 2 No retail units (Class A1/A2/A3) at ground floor level (with new shopfronts) and 4 No apartments (3 x two bed and 1 x one bed) at upper levels

We support this closed public house being brought back into life but would wish to maintain the group appearance of the building by retaining the classic thirties fenestration.

10/01787/F - Old Norfolk & Norwich Hospital

Refurbishment of the Ivory Block to create 33 No apartments including internal alterations, demolition of rear extensions to the Ivory Wing and the construction of a new extension to the rear and a new west corner between the Ivory Wing and the North West Ward, including repairs to existing fabric, rear parking area, secure cycle storage and bin stores

This is an example of a conversion being done through the proper channels. This is a Thomas Ivory building accorded the utmost respect; why did not the same apply to Ivory House (above)?

10/01733/F – Land Adjacent to former Hunter Squash Club, Edward Street

Construction of a two-storey building (with Class D1 use) to accommodate the relocated Surrey Chapel from St Crispin's Road, as previously approved in principle within the planning permission for the Anglia ~Square redevelopment (application 08/00974/F)

This very disappointing design looks more like a village hall or even a warehouse than a chapel. The prominent site should be better addressed with a more interesting building of character to give focus to the newly refurbished Anglia Square. It is a missed opportunity for a more iconic design with stronger visual impact.

10/00755/0 – Cordova Buildings, Starling Road

Demolition of redundant shoe factory and erection of 22 No flats with associated bin and cycle stores plus car parking

It is a shame to lose the façade of the main block of the old shoe factory which is a good solid example of Norwich's heritage. This is a family area, not one requiring yet more one-bed apartments. Please try to conserve the building and convert it; soon there will be no examples left of these shoe factories.

10/01853/F - Harbour House, 126 Thorpe Road

Replacement of existing single pane metal windows with double glazed white uPVC windows

The windows in this building are most distinctive and enhance what would otherwise be a very plain brick box. The opening apertures are swivelling vertical panels in the centre of the windows, a very unusual design which will be entirely lost by the proposed replacements with their rough equivalents.

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