

Norwich Society Planning Appraisal Committee

Plans Inspected February 2011

11/00009/CF3 – The Bowthorpe Referral Unit

Conversion of existing community hall to community hub incorporating improvements to building entrance, extending the building, providing additional car parking and a hard play area with additional soft landscaping works. Centre will be used for educational purposes during normal office hours Monday to Friday and for community use at all other times.

We very much approve of this plan, but there is a concern regarding sufficient disabled parking; how many disabled spaces are to be provided overall?

10/02226/F – 177 Newmarket Road

Erection of two storey dwelling and associated works including driveway and landscaping

This is back garden development on a grand scale. It is a very “Hollywood” style plan, designed to show off. There is very fussy detailing around windows. It is not in keeping with surrounding buildings, but neither is it an interesting contemporary interpretation. We suspect its eco-credentials are nil!

11/00048/C – 210 Newmarket Road

Demolition of outhouse

We strongly object to the demolition of this pretty Victorian brick coach house. With imagination it could be converted into an unusual new house, enhancing the vicarage rather than allowing the surrounding garden to be lost.

10/02152/A – Mace Convenience Store and Off Licence, 106-110 Rosary Road

Display of 1 No internally illuminated fascia sign

The front of this ‘shop’ (really three converted terraced houses) is an eyesore. The proposed new windows with steel frames and shutters **could** enhance the appearance, but the new signage has messy, different-sized lettering and covers the remaining feature of the brick string course. It is a real mess and should be rationalised. Why the need to call it a “convenience” store?

10/02201 – The FDC Centre, Bowthorpe Park

*Extension of existing pavilion to form new teaching space.
Erection of new portacabin changing rooms. Installation of new floodlighting. Formation of new football pitch and car parking.*

Why build an extension but not include changing rooms resulting in the need for the portacabin?

11/0071/U – Queen Charlotte, 286 Dereham Road

Change of use from public house (Use Class A4) to general use for community and charitable use (Use Class D1) with minor internal alterations

We are pleased to see that this building is being retained and put to good use. It would be good to see a proper external repaint to enhance the rather splendid florid architectural style, but no more ‘Earl of Leicester’ demolition jobs please.

10/02076/F – 14 – 16 Dove Street

*Provision of new glazed shopfront to ground and first floor,
new windows at ground and first floor level to front and side
elevations.*

This ugly box needs a makeover, but the drawings provided are confusing and suggest window mullions in one image but not the other. Dove Street as one of ‘The Lanes’ should be treated with TLC.

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