

Comments for Planning Application 18/01308/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 18/01308/FUL

Address: Priory Hotel 126 - 128 Fulford Road York YO10 4BE

Proposal: Conversion of guest house to 7no. residential units

Case Officer: Neil Massey

Customer Details

Name: Dr David Fraser

Address: Fairfax House, 27 Castlegate, York YO1 9RN

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Consultee response

Stance: Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: York Civic Trust considered this application at its casework sub-committee meeting on 17 October 2018.

While York Civic Trust is not opposed to the conversion of the guest house to residential units, we do however hold concern for the continued preservation of the former Theatre Royal arcade stonework that for many years has been a feature in the grounds of the hotel.

The stonework is part of an arcade dating to 1835 and was originally part of the piazza erected in front of the Theatre Royal by John Harper and later moved to Fulford Road by George Styan in 1879. Three arches are in situ opposite the Priory Hotel at 79 Fulford Road and at some point between 1879 and the mid-C20, stonework from some of the other arches was moved to the Priory Hotel site and made a feature in the gardens (and continues to be used to promote the hotel on its website). It therefore represents an important early attempt at conservation in the city and of value to the local community. For these reasons, the arcade should be conserved in situ, including in the grounds of the Priory Hotel, or, failing this, found a new and suitable home (in which case, perhaps the garden space beside the Theatre Royal might be suitable?).

This application makes no reference to this historic stonework in its grounds. York Civic Trust would ask that the continued preservation of the arches is conditioned should the application be approved.