

<b>APPLICATION NO: 20/01997/FUL &amp; LBC</b>		<b>OFFICER: Miss Michelle Payne</b>
<b>DATE REGISTERED:</b> 14th November 2020		<b>DATE OF EXPIRY :</b> 9th January 2021
<b>WARD:</b> Pittville		<b>PARISH:</b>
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Chapel Spa Ltd	
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Chapel Spa, North Place, Cheltenham	
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	Change of use of existing spa (Use Class D1) to 8no. apartments (Use class C3) with associated internal and external alterations	

## REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	<b>2</b>
Number of objections	<b>0</b>
Number of representations	<b>0</b>
Number of supporting	<b>2</b>

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### **Comments:** 23rd November 2020

I wish to register my support for the planning applications submitted by Chapel Spa, Cheltenham (20/01997/FUL and 20/01997/LBC)

I have compared the existing exterior elevation drawings, with the proposed elevation drawings, and find:

The proposed drawings show significant and welcome improvement to the exterior of the building by removing the modern flat-roofed extensions which, are incongruous and detract from the clean lines of the exterior walls, which, from reading the history of the building was the intention of the original design. If permission were to be given, the whole exterior would revert to the unique 1816 design of the building. This would allow a great number of people to appreciate the architecture, faithfully represented and preserved for generations to enjoy.

The internal alterations, however, are irrelevant, as the important aspects of the interior were discussed and dealt with by the planning committee when debating the last planning applications (20/00119/COU and 20/0119/LBC), for a Spa Hotel, when the committee found in favour of the development, and stated that "the public benefits outweighed the harm".

If permission were given, the apartments would have the advantage of being within a conservation area, in the centre of Cheltenham without the need to travel to work by car but would be supporting the town centre's severely malnourished and damaged shopping centre, and facilities. Which would help to bring back life into Cheltenham.

It would cause less traffic and therefore less pollution and could provide much needed homes in a short period of time.

This is in direct contrast to large areas of development land in Cheltenham that have been "land-banked" by large developers choosing to buy building land as investments, and then "moth-balling" the land for many years as they wait for prices to rise. Then they sell at great profit, without turning a spade.

This renders land designated for housing as useless. It is not being utilised for its intended purpose, but conversely used as a revenue maker for the land-owner, with the resulting paralysis of house building, depriving Cheltenham of hundreds of new homes.

To conclude, if the permissions are granted, the building will be preserved for posterity, as it looked in the Regency era, and eight new homes will be provided, for the people of Cheltenham, notwithstanding all the other positives I have mentioned above.

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**Comments:** 24th November 2020

I support the planning application for Chapel Spa, Cheltenham (20/01997/FUL and 20/01997/LBC). It seems to me that, if this building is not quickly put to use, it will deteriorate and become an eyesore in an otherwise fairly tidy area of the town. I was very disappointed to learn that the use as a Spa and hotel cannot go ahead. However, the present proposal has the advantages of

- 1) providing much needed housing,
- 2) helping keep this area of our town in good repair,
- 3) giving travel-free access to the town for the occupiers who would hopefully find/have employment in the town,
- 4) supplying ongoing maintenance of the building.

It is good to read that the applicant wishes to do some work to restore the building to its original state. The two flat roof "wings" have served their purpose, and to have them removed would enhance the appearance of the building. I doubt very much that a more suitable use of the building could be found, especially in the present financial situation.