



**Observatory Civic Association - Architecture and Heritage.**  
DCAS Award Winner, 2018: Most Active Conservation Body

## **A+H report for newsletter**

### **Plan approval process**

A+H is developing a 'plan approval process' to be placed on the OCA website that will enable people to have an easy way in which to understand the process and who to contact. Estate Agents will also be informed of the process and encouraged to inform Purchasers of this process.

### **Illegal building works and the absent Building Inspector**

A+H has identified certain illegal building works and other possible illegal building works and has reported them to the CCT. In the absence of any response from the Building inspector for Observatory, the A+H has started a process of engaging more senior City Officials. There is some Initial success but it is recognised that this will be an ongoing process.

### **Assistance to TRUPPA**

A+H has made various contributions with regards to the potential invasion of our open spaces by Developers at the River Club and Hartlyvale sites.

### **Possibility of Observatory being declared a Heritage area.**

Together with the Large Development Group, the A+H in the process of understanding the possibilities of having Obs declared an official 'Heritage Area'. Currently Obs is covered by a 'Heritage Protection Zone' which has a number of limitations including that is administered by pro development officials at the City of CT.

### **In collaboration with Large Development Group**

A+H continues to provide support to the LDG where needed. The latest, and certainly the most obtrusive, large development is the FWJK development at 321 Main Rd.

### **Projects supported in the last month**

Proposals for two minor alterations to residential properties were supported by the A+H.

### **Identification of areas that could be supported for higher density developments**

A+H is in the process of identifying areas within Observatory that could be supported for greater density so that other areas could be better preserved as a Heritage area. An example of a possible high density residential area would be the old light industrial area East of LMR where the land value is now greater than the profits generated by light industry.