



**Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.**

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Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

**CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY**

Tuesday, 25th March, 2014

**Present:-** Councillor Mrs Gillian Burnett – in the Chair  
Councillors Allport, Miss Cooper and Robinson  
Representing Mr L Chatterton, Newcastle Civic Society  
Outside Bodies Mr F Colella, Staffordshire Parks and Gardens Trust

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mr C Wakeling and Councillor Wilkes.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Resolved:-** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 March, 2014 be agreed as a correct record subject to the amendment to remove Chatterton and Wakeling from the Councillors in attendance.

4. **PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved:-** That the decisions on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received.

5. **NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**Resolved:-** That the following observations be made on the applications listed below:-

<u>App No</u>	<u>Proposed Development and Name of Applicant</u>	<u>Comments</u>
14/00066/FUL	Ambleside Lodge, Market Drayton	No objections.
14/00133/FUL	University of Keele	No objections and the Working Party think that a low feature wall at the entrance is their preferred option.
14/00976/ADV	Clinton Cards, Newcastle	No objections
14/00120/ADV &	Elvira, 27 Ironmarket,	No objections

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14/00121/FUL	Newcastle	
14/00109/FUL	2 Rectory Mews, Mucklestone	No objections
14/00156/FUL	2 Court Walk, Betley	No objections subject to existing bricks being dressed and reused.
14/00158/FUL	St Marys Church, Whitmore	No objections
14/00188/DEEM4	Former Sainsbury, Liverpool Road	The Working Party has no objections to the demolition but has concerns over the loss of car parking and does not want solid boarding.

**6. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND - AUDLEY'S CROSS FARM**

**Resolved:-**

The Working Party supports a grant of £2,334 for replacement timber windows subject to the appropriate standard conditions and a condition that the windows should be replaced and the grant offer taken up within 3 months of the date of the decision to award the grant.

**COUNCILLOR MRS GILLIAN BURNETT**  
**Chair**

**DECISIONS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON APPLICATIONS WHICH  
HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE WORKING PARTY**

For reports on all committee decisions, please follow the minutes and agendas search on the Council's website or refer to your copy of the Planning agenda for the permitted date. Reports for delegated items can be found in the public access section of the Council's website and a direct link to the application is provided in the last column.

Reference	Location and Applicant	Development	Working Party Comments	Planning Decision
13/00962/FUL	Butterton Nurseries, Park Road, Butterton Mr Leath	Retention of retaining boundary wall.	The Working Party object to the application due to the red brick wall not being in keeping with the Butterton Conservation Area which is at risk. A hedgerow or stone wall would be amore suitable solution.	Permitted under delegated powers on 1 April 2014.  <a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/buttertonwall">http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/buttertonwall</a>
14/00052/LBC	Byrne Cottage, Main Road, Betley Mrs V Edwards	Proposed flue for multi fuel burning stove	The Working Party want to ensure that lead flashing is used on the roof where the flue penetrates through the roof.	Permitted by delegated powers on 18 March 2014  <a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/byrrecottage">http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/byrrecottage</a>

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Reference	Location and Applicant	Development	Remarks	Link
14/00200/ADV	Keele IC5 Plot 5 Keele University Science and Business Park	Erect and display of various directional signs and fascia signs	Adjacent to the boundary of the Historic Park and Garden	<a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/keeleIC5">http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/keeleIC5</a>
14/00218/ADV	Hawthorns and campus, Keele University Keele University	Erect and display building signage	Within Keele Conservation Area	<a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/signshawthorns">http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/signshawthorns</a>
14/00155/FUL	Scout Association, The Avenue, Kidsgrove	Replace existing flat roof with tile pitched roof.	Within Hardingswood Conservation Area	<a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/scoutkidsgrove">http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/scoutkidsgrove</a>
14/00202/LBC, 14/00192/FUL & 14/00193/ADV	5-9 High Street, Newcastle Mr J Mitchell	Alterations to change of use of building from a medical practice into a pair of retail units and demolition of existing single storey front extensions and erection of an extension with new shop fronts.	Within Newcastle Town Centre Conservation Area.	<a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/5to9highstreet">http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/5to9highstreet</a>
14/00236/LBC	University Chapel, Keele University	Construction of screen partition to form store within University Chapel	Works to a Grade II listed building	<a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/universitychapel">http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/universitychapel</a>
14/00233/LBC	Keele Hall, Keele University	Repair works to the roof, gutters, flashings, stonework and decorative balustrade and refurbishment of windows	Works to a Grade II* Listed Building	<a href="http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/keelehallroof">http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning/keelehallroof</a>

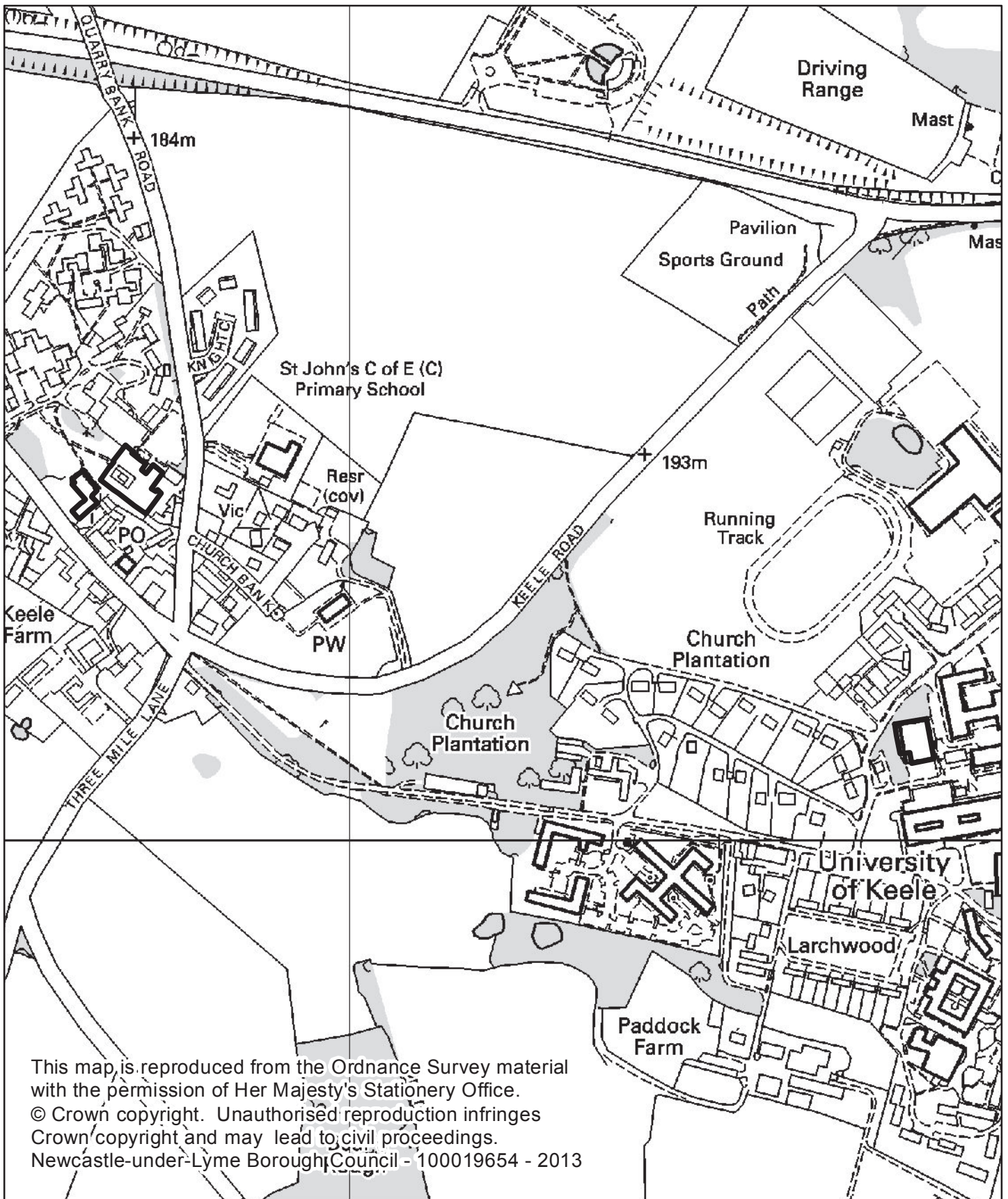
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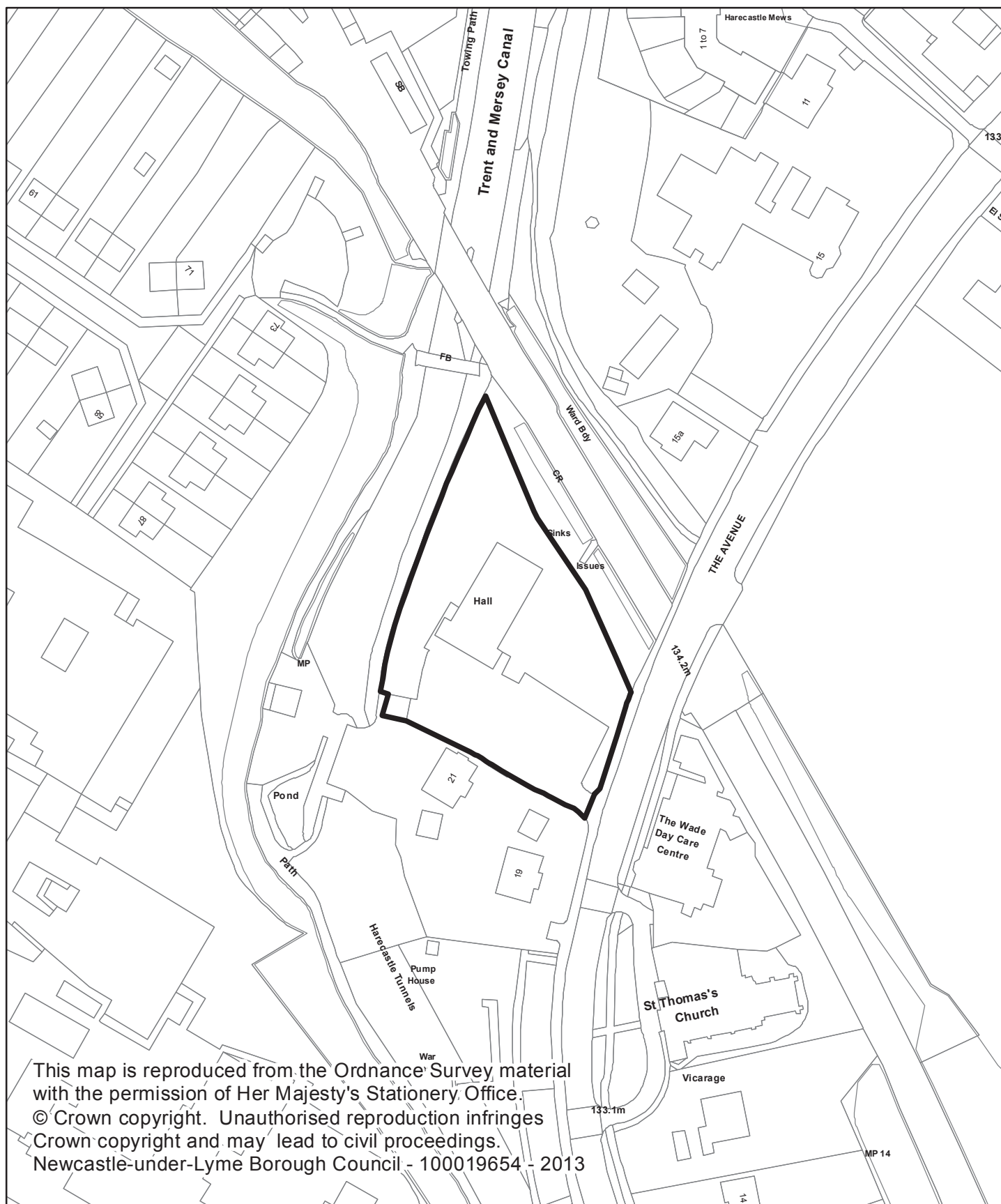


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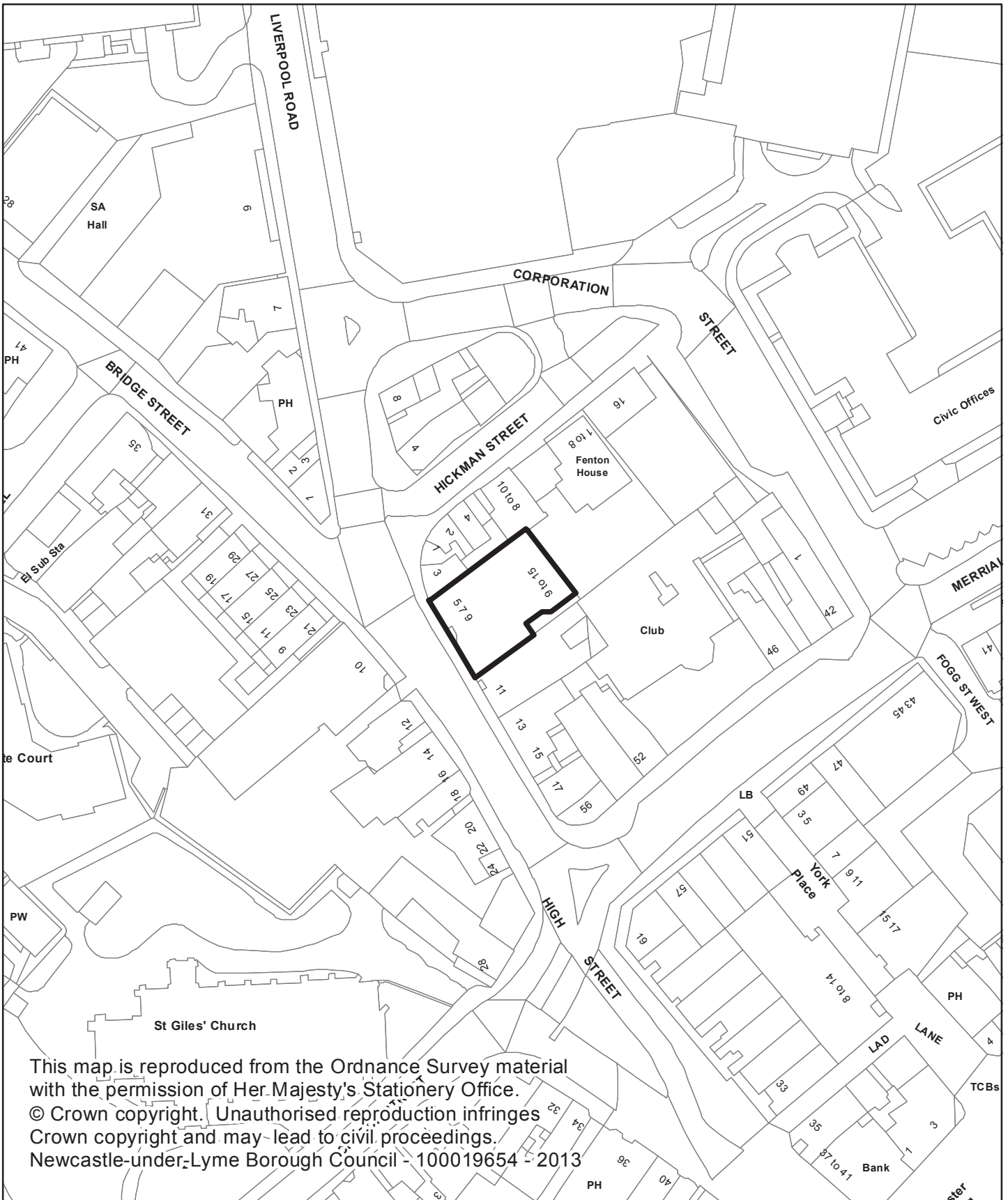
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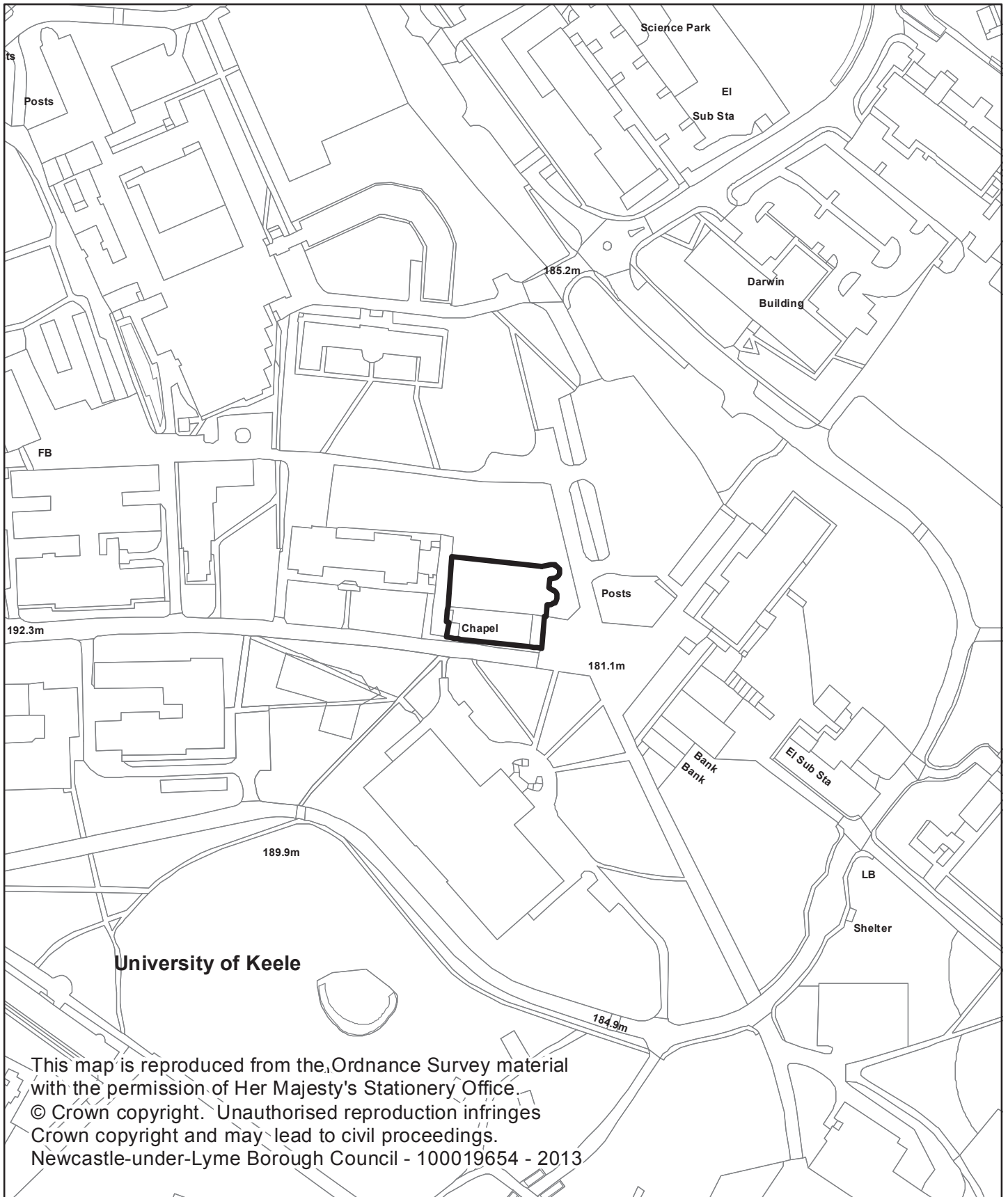


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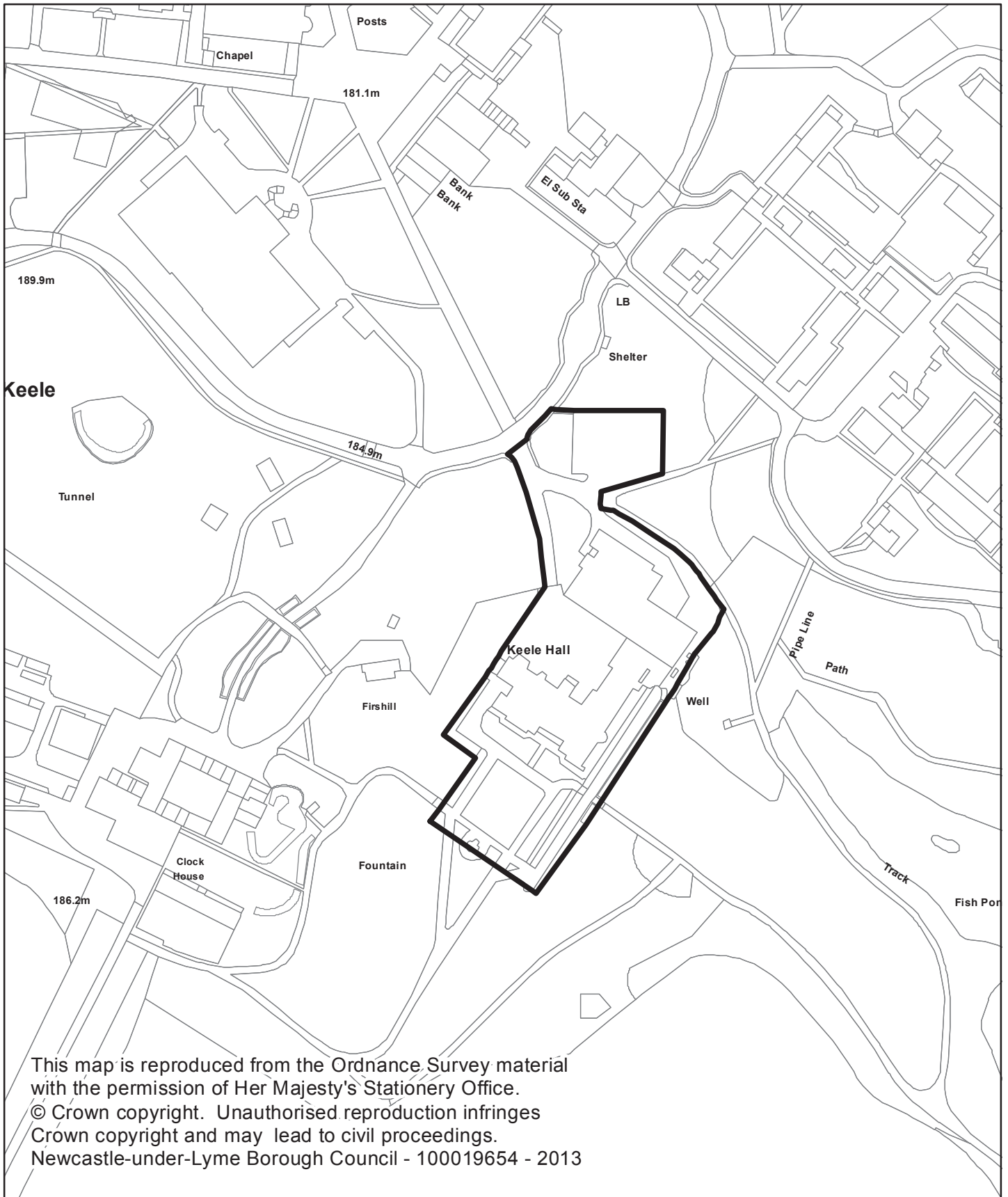


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**Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – Madeley War Memorial, Junction of Newcastle and Keele Road, (Ref: 13/14011/HBG)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Working Party indicate its views on proposals going to the Planning Committee that:-**

**A grant of £2,160 be approved for the repair of the War Memorial at Madeley, subject to the appropriate standard conditions**

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Working Party of an application for financial assistance towards the cost of the repair of this structure which is a Grade II Listed Building and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on that application.

The War Memorial in Madeley occupies a prominent position on the road junction and represents the fallen of the First World War. Dedicated in 1921, it was added to the Statutory List of Buildings of Architectural or Historic Interest (Grade II) in September 2013 as a poignant reminder of the impact of the tragic world event on the community and also for its architectural interest as a well executed memorial and a finely detailed sculpture of a First World War soldier. The memorial is constructed from sandstone with a tapered pillar on a stepped based topped by sandstone figure. The parish council and community are keen to carry out the work to repair the structure and this is particularly important given the centenary celebrations taking place over the next 5 years.

As a result of weathering, traffic vibration and ageing of the stone, the memorial needs repairing. It is in need of underpinning due to a significant lean and the plinth requires fixing together to prevent any further movement. It may be required to replace some stone but at this stage until the work begins and the contractors can fully investigate this is not known. The Parish Council are also going to clean the memorial and tidy up the stone wall base and railings.

The total cost of the work is £16,958 including VAT. Eligible costs (excluding cleaning and the railings) are £10,800 including VAT. The works are eligible for grant up to 20% of the total costs. The maximum grant that can be awarded is £5,000.

The views of the Conservation Advisory Working Party will be reported to the Planning Committee.

**Financial Implications**

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with approximately £30,000 in the Fund allowing for commitments and the Council's contribution to the Fund for 2013/14.

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**Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – 2 Court Walk, Betley, (Ref: 13/14014/HBG)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**That the Working Party indicate its views on proposals going to the Planning Committee that a grant of £2,250 be approved for the repair of part of the former kitchen garden wall at 2 Court Walk, subject to the appropriate standard conditions and a specific condition that the height of the wall should remain the same as existing.**

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Working Party of applications for financial assistance towards the cost of the repair of part of the former kitchen garden wall to Betley Court and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on that application.

The grant application is for the partial rebuilding and refurbishment of a section of the kitchen garden wall at Betley Court (Grade II\*) a former large house and estate built in the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

A section of this wall fell down overnight in the garden of Roche House in February last year and was awarded a grant from the Council's Conservation and Heritage Fund for rebuilding. It has since been restored. This prompted other householders with a section of this wall in their garden to check the stability and safety of their section of the wall by a structural engineer. The section to the north of 2 Court Walk bordering the garden of Swithland and Summerhouse properties has been improved by buttresses at the owner's expense. The section on the northern boundary of the gardens of Summerhouse and Roche House is in a good state of repair. A section which appears to have structural problems is an archway and section to the south in the garden of Orchard House but the owner is not interested in resolving this issue at present. A plan indicating the various sections of wall referred to above will be displayed at the meeting

The section of wall at 2 Court Walk is over 4 metres high on the external elevation and approximately 2.5 from within the garden. An 11.5 metre long section of the wall needs to be taken down to ground level and rebuilt with piers for support; The height of the wall will remain the same; a middle 10 metre long section will have 3 buttresses added along its external side and the final 10 metre long section will be strengthened with 'helibars' – a proprietary steel reinforcing bar that is placed into cut slots within the masonry. Bricks will be reused and redressed where possible and replaced with new Cheshire matching bricks where not possible. The whole wall is to be repointed with lime mortar. The rebuilding element of the wall requires planning permission and this application (14/00156/FUL) has now been lodged with the Council and was considered by the Working Party at its meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> March when no objections were raised.

Walls are part of the character of Betley village and the Betley Court estate buildings and walls dominate the southern part of the village as set out in Betley Conservation Area Appraisal. The structure is an imposing feature, which will still retain its presence as a significant heritage asset within Betley Conservation Area. This heritage asset is one which the council has already supported in giving a grant to Roche House and it wishes to ensure that the whole asset is retained for the future as a reminder of the historical influences and development of the village.

The engineered solution, as proposed in the planning application enables the wall to be retained. It will cost over £20,000 to restore it and make it safe. Two competitive tenders have been obtained as required by the Scheme. 10% of the cost of the works (the sum works to this type of building/structure are eligible for under the grant scheme) equates to £2,250.

The views of the Conservation Advisory Working Party will be reported to the Planning Committee.

### **Financial Implications**

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with approximately £30,000 in the Fund, allowing for commitments and the Council's contribution to the fund 2013/14.