

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Thursday, 16th March, 2017
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillor Wenslie Naylor – in the Chair

Councillors Johnson and Wright

Representing Mr D Broome – Newcastle under Lyme Civic Society
Outside Bodies Dr S Fisher – The Victorian Society
Dr C Wakeling – Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust

Officers Ms L Wallace

Apologies Councillor(s) Miss J Cooper

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February, 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

3. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS

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

4. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

Lennard Jones Building, Keele University 17/00091/FUL

The Working Party welcomed the additional sections that had been provided which were useful in understanding the relationship between the proposed extension and the Listed Chapel. The Working Party felt that the proposal was likely to have little impact on the setting of the Chapel but was concerned over the potential impact on the setting of the historic landscape particularly with the glass upper storeys and the night-time distance views.

Lime View, Main Road, Betley 17/00087/LBC & 17/00086/FUL

With regard to the Listed Building, the Conservation Advisory Working Party had some concerns over the impact of the canopy, given some of the details on the rear extension. There were no details of fixings provided and how it would be attached to the extension or any guttering. The Working Party requested that the Conservation Officer ensures these are provided and considered. Some members felt that if done well, this might hide the poor quality lintels on the extension and therefore be an improvement.

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No objections to the pizza oven but the garden room again would be better if it appeared more solid, and had less glass.

Old Brown Jug, Bridge St, Newcastle 17/00164/FUL

The Working Party wished to express how important the backs to these properties are, which are visible from the ring road and provide views into the Conservation Area. It felt like the design of the proposed galvanised escape staircase was poor and should be improved in terms of its design, materials and finish.

44 Mount Pleasant, Newcastle 16/01020/FUL

No objections.

95-97 High Street, Newcastle 17/00161/ADV

No objections to the signs in general, but the Working Party object to the size of the fascia sign in between the two upper floor windows. No fixings to the masonry.

Former Savoy cinema, Newcastle 17/00174/FUL

The Conservation Advisory Working Party welcomed the reduction in height of the building and the viewpoints shown would reduce the impact of the building on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. However it was still felt that it is too big and that its design and style is totally inappropriate and will still have an adverse impact upon the Conservation Area. No buildings within the town are completely clad in metal, Newcastle is predominantly a brick town. The Working Party felt that the proposal would have a harmful impact on the Midway part of town, the design will date quickly and will create an even more unpleasing environment along the alley. The original cinema building is important historically and not enough has been made of this within the design consideration of the proposed building.

Land off Westbury Road, Clayton 17/00195/TDET

No objections providing the new cabinet is painted green.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

COUNCILLOR WENSLIE NAYLON
Chair

Meeting concluded at