

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 26th September, 2017
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

Present:-	Councillor Wenslie Naylor – in the Chair
Councillors	Miss J Cooper, Gardner and Johnson
Representing Outside Bodies	Mr D Broome, Newcastle Civic Society Dr C Wakeling, Staffs Historic Building Trust. Dr S. Fisher, Victorian Society
Officers	Louise Wallace
Apologies	Councillor(s) Turner

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 5 September, 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 applications listed below:-

IC5 Innovation Way, Keele 17/00755/FUL

The Working Party had no objections to the proposal.

Horwood Energy Centre, Keele University 17/00698/FUL

The Working Party considers that this extension is located on a prominent part of the building close to the entrance road to Keele Hall and in clear public view given it is on the ring road and a bus route and will potentially therefore have an impact on the Historic Park and Garden. It objects to the inappropriate cladding which would be better in a solid matching brickwork and also objects to the height and location of the proposed chimney. It has concerns over the lack of rainwater goods which are not shown on the plan and drainage problems. Ideally the extension should be relocated away from public views in its present form.

Castle House, Barracks Road, Newcastle 17/00734/ADV

The Working Party notes that the signs are already in position. Application is for illuminated signs but not sure if this is still the proposal. If so, will signs be illuminated all night? Illumination on the Queens Gardens sign will have a harmful impact on amenity and be intrusive into this part of the Conservation Area which is particularly attractive and characterful.

27 High Street, Newcastle 17/00761/ADV

The level of detail in this application is not sufficient to be able to consider the impact properly and the Working Party asks that the detail is provided to the local authority and this application brought back to the next meeting.

Rostherne, Common Lane 17/00747/FUL

The Working Party expressed many concerns about this application particularly in relation to the first floor extension and its location in relation to the historic garden wall and given the relatively simplistic design of the existing house. They felt that the design was unnecessarily complicated, introducing many new different materials creating a fussy design which is potentially harmful to the character of the Conservation Area. They object to the overhang of the first floor roof over the historic wall which now looks hemmed in, and suggest that the design is simplified and perhaps a matching brick would bring more visual harmony to the design. New chimney should also be brick.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Old Wood, Betley 17/00652/FUL

The Conservation Officer presented amended plans for The Working Party to consider. There were no objections.

COUNCILLOR WENSLIE NAYLON
Chair

Meeting concluded at 7.40 pm