

## CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 8th September, 2015

**Present:-** Councillor Wenslie Naylor – in the Chair  
Councillors Allport, Cooper, Eastwood and Johnson  
Representing Mr C Wakeling, Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust  
Outside Bodies Mr J Whieldon, Newcastle Civic Society

Apologies were received from Councillor White and Mr Broome

### 7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Naylor declared an interest in item no. 5 and left the room during the discussion.

Councillor Allport declared an interest in representing Talke, under item 4.

### 8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

### 9. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS

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

### 10. 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>   |
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| 14/00647/FUL  | 46A Merrial Street, Newcastle                     | The Working Party thinks that the gates should be timber or a much better design which reflects the features of the building or its surroundings. It was also felt that solid timber gates would provide greater security when the office was closed. No objections were raised to the change of use. |

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| 15/00703/ADV | Betley Court Farm, Main Road, Betley      | No objections for temporary signs providing strict timings can be specified for removal after the events but objects to any permanent structures remaining in situ against this significant wall in between events.  |
| 15/00711/FUL | St Giles Church, Church Street, Newcastle | The Working Party raised the issues over human remains and requirements for correct archaeological procedures. They had a query over the hatched (?) grassed area by the Unitarian church which was not clear. They welcomed the separation of the parking area from other landscape features.   |
| 15/00724/FUL | 10 Sidmouth Ave, Newcastle                | The Working Party recommends an independent historic assessment of the significance of the side extension which is proposed to be demolished as there is not enough information to make an informed judgement. They also object to the orientation of the proposed garage which does not reflect the street pattern along Sidmouth Avenue. The dormer window is inappropriate and should be deleted from the design. The Working Party supports the house design of the new houses fronting Gower Street as the right approach creating interesting active |

frontage which will enhance the quality of the built environment on this street. They support the removal of the fence and erection railings and hedge.

15/00736/FUL

Briarwood, Common Lane, Betley

The Working Party is happy with the principle of this extension but feels that the drawings' lack attention to detail and will need conditioning to ensure it will be sympathetic.

15/00704/FUL

Kidsgrove Workings Mans Club

No objections.

15/00685/FUL &  
15/00686/ADV

57-58 Ironmarket, Newcastle

The Working Party full supports this application but wants to ensure that proposals accord with the draft Shopfront design guide.

#### 11. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

Smithy House, Highway Lane, Keele (£210) and St Thomas Church, Mow Cop (£3,834)

**Resolved:** That the Planning Committee be advised that the Working Party recommends that both of these grants be offered to the applicants.

#### 12. SHOP FRONT DESIGN GUIDE

**Resolved:** The Working Party fully supports the guide and members will direct any individual comments to the Conservation Officer.

#### 13. URGENT BUSINESS

The Working Party considered revised plans for 15/00498/FUL and felt the revisions created a fussy appearance and that it was not an improvement on the previous plan which was simpler. They also preferred that the ground floor treatment of the link was in a blue brick rather than a grey render.

**Resolved:** That the comments be noted

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**COUNCILLOR WENSLIE NAYLON**  
Chair