

**ADVANCE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**  
**TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**24<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Agenda item 6**

**Application ref. 16/00362/FUL**

**Former St Giles' and St George's Primary School, Barracks Road, Newcastle**

Since the preparation of the agenda representations from **Thistleberry Residents Association** and the **Civic Society** have been received.

The **Thistleberry Residents Association** comment that whilst the lighter and whiter colour of the proposed material compared to a reddish stone might allow this building to recede from the eye and be less intrusive in the townscape, it is questioned if limestone would be the best choice, given the surrounding buildings in the Conservation Area. It should also be noted that this building is to fit in with the Conservation Area buildings and not Cophorne House or the proposed Sky building.

The **Civic Society** comment that Hollington stone would blend in with its surroundings in the Conservation Area in that part of town. Alteration would mean that the building would not be compatible with its surroundings and would therefore detract from the Conservation Area. Its height in this position already makes it overbearing.

Officer comments

The report addresses the suitability of the proposed material and there is nothing further to add.

**The RECOMMENDATION remains as per the main agenda report**