

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – 17 Curzon Street, Basford (Ref: 17/18002/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

£1,042 is offered for repairs to sash windows at 17 Curzon Street, subject to an appropriate second quotation being received and that any grant offered is 10% of the lowest quotation and includes the standard conditions.

Purpose of report

To inform the Working Party of an application for financial assistance towards the cost of the repair of sash windows at this property and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on that application.

This property is part of a terrace within Basford Conservation Area. Curzon Street is a 10 property terrace built from smooth red brick with each property comprising of a front bay window, front door, one large and one small first floor window, one large mid sloped dormer window with timber cladding in a gable and one small half dormer window in a multi strutted half gable. Many retain their original sash windows. The owner wishes to repair the existing sash windows and has a detailed quotation from a contractor known for good conservation repair of timber windows. There are 14 sash windows each requiring slightly different repairs but all will be overhauled where necessary to ensure fully working sash windows.

The total cost of the works from the first quotation is estimated at £10,425 including VAT. The works are eligible for a grant up to 10% of the total cost because the building is an historic building within a Conservation Area. The works are proposed to be undertaken in September 2017.

The applicant is currently seeking a second quotation and whilst this is proving difficult, prior to any grant being offered, the council will ensure that the quotation is competitive and any grant offered will be 10% of the lowest quotation.

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 £27,000 in the Fund allowing for commitments.