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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

7 July 2009

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Miss Cooper, Slater and Mrs Williams

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr L Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society

Mr D Ferrington - Staffs Historic Buildings Trust

Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society

179. * PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(b) 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>
09/177/FUL	Construction of agricultural building for the housing of livestock. Lower Bungalow Farm, Almington. Mr S Simkin.	No objections.
09/267/FUL	Erection of seven dwellings and associated landscaping and car parking. Wrinehill Garage, Wrinehill. McCroy Brickwork Ltd.	The Working Party welcomed the amended scheme and the care taken by the applicant to preserve the sight line to the listed summerhouse.
09/286/FUL	Conversion and alterations to form restaurant and four apartments. 9 Brunswick Street, Newcastle. MIC Properties.	The Working Party welcomed this imaginative proposal considering that every effort should be made to retain the 'string course' on the front elevation.
09/346/COU	Change of use to Class A2 Financial and Professional Services. 2 Queens Parade, Ironmarket, Newcastle. Edward Jones Ltd.	No objections.

09/290/ADV Non-illuminated fascia sign. No objections.
2 Queens Parade,
Ironmarket, Newcastle.
Edward Jones Ltd.

180. * **HISTORIC BUILDINGS GRANT – CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND
THE COACH HOUSE, AUDLEY. 09/10001/HBG**

The comments of the Working Party were sought on an application for financial assistance in respect of repairs and restoration of the above curtilage listed building that had special architectural and historic interest.

Resolved:- That Planning Committee be advised that the Working Party support the application and recommend that a grant of £10,000, as applied for, be awarded.

181. * **HOME FARM, KEELE**

The Conservation Officer indicated that she had recently met with representatives of English Heritage and Keele University.

English Heritage were satisfied with the works carried out to stabilise Home Farm and a decision on whether its listing should remain was still awaited.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

182. * **ENGLISH HERITAGE – HERITAGE AT RISK SURVEY 2008**

The Conservation Officer indicated that English Heritage had recently published the Heritage and Risk Report for the West Midlands in connection with which 75% of Local Authorities had completed surveys on many or all of their respective Conservation Areas.

The list contained within the report included details of those listed buildings, scheduled monuments, registered battlefields, protected wreck sites, registered parks and gardens and Conservation Areas that were at risk as a result of neglect and decay or had been assessed as vulnerable to becoming so.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

183. * **DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN CENTRE CONSERVATION AREA
BY ROOSTING PIGEONS**

Concern was expressed at the likelihood of damage being caused to the fabric and appearance of buildings in and around the Newcastle Town Centre Conservation Area by roosting pigeons.

It was considered that appropriate devices to prevent birds from roosting would alleviate the problem and that people should be discouraged from feeding them.

Resolved:- That the concerns expressed by the Working Party be forwarded to the Council's Operational Services Directorate (Environmental).

184. * **LOCAL LIST OF IMPORTANT BUILDINGS**

A discussion took place on the creation of a local list to raise the profile of historic buildings in the locality.

It was agreed that a framework and criteria for buildings to be included on the list would need to be prepared and approved by Committee.

Representatives of Newcastle Civic Society present at the meeting offered their services in surveying buildings when the work started.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair