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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

7 September 2010

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillor Miss Cooper

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr L Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society

Mr M Downs – Urban Vision

Mr A Ferrington – Staffs Historic Buildings Trust

Mr B Sinnott – Madeley Parish Council

Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society

Apologies were received from Mr R Manning and Councillor Mrs Williams

281. * **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 August 2010 be agreed as a correct record.

282. * **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>
10/463/ADV	One illuminated fascia sign and one illuminated projecting sign. 60-62 High Street, Newcastle. The Boots Company.	No objections.
10/458/LBC & 10/459/FUL	Single storey extension to form garden room. Ashley Farm, School Lane, Ashley. Dr D J West.	The proposed extension was felt to be too large against the modest farmhouse. The plinth was too large, and the glazing should be increased. The design was ambiguous over the existing first floor window. No internal layout was available to show the access into the original building. The Working Party

requested that this item be brought to the next meeting with revised plans for consideration.

10/446/DEEM3	<p>Construction of viewing platform for Castle Motte, creation of a ramp, new entrance gate and improved footpath. Improvement and interpretation of size of Castle Motte and John O’Gaunts Corner. Castle Motte, Silverdale Road and John O’Gaunt’s Corner, Newcastle. Newcastle Borough Council.</p>	<p>The Conservation Advisory Working Party support this application to better interpret this significant historic asset that is a key part of the Borough’s heritage.</p>
10/469/FUL	<p>Remodelling of existing courtyard (quad) area into a new school plaza incorporating connecting pathways, hard and soft landscape elements and associated infrastructure. Newcastle-under-Lyme Boys School, Mount Pleasant, Newcastle. Newcastle-under-Lyme Boys School.</p>	<p>The Working Party welcomed the proposal but want the central desire line to be a bound aggregate (in an appropriate colour) not tarmac. Also the existing cobbles should be retained and refused and not resourced as this is an important historic feature in the courtyard.</p>
10/478/ADV	<p>Erection of advertising hoarding. Lidl, Lower Street, Newcastle. Lidl UK GmbH</p>	<p>The Working Party objected to the sign because it would have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the area, which is adjacent to three Listed Buildings and the Town Centre Conservation Area.</p>

283. * APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Conservation Advisory Working Party considered an application for financial assistance towards the cost of the repair of 12 Church Street, Audley.

Members recommended that the Planning Committee approves the grant.

284. * ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) The Working Party wanted the Council to consider enforcement action against the additional sign at Travelodge/Lidl.

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- (b) Members requested an update with Maxims. The Council's Conservation Officer informed the group that the Council was shortly to issue a Section 215 Amenity Notice.
- (c) Local List
The Council's Conservation Officer provided the group with the draft local list which is on 12 October Planning Committee. Information can be found on the Council's website.
- (d) The Group thanked the Conservation Officer for her efforts in bringing this project forward.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair