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## CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

9 February 2010

**Present:-** Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillor Miss Cooper

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr R Bettley-Smith – Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Parish Council

Mr L Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society

Mr D Ferrington – Staffs. Historic Buildings Trust

Mr S Harrison – Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Parish Council

Mr R Manning – North Staffs. Society of Architects

Mr B Proctor – Audley Parish Council

Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society

Apologies were received from Councillor Heesom

### 720. \* 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>
10/31/COU	Change of use from retail unit to estate agents. 19 High Street, Newcastle. Mrs L Brown.	No objections.
10/32/COU	Erection of detached dwelling, garage and vehicular access. Site of former Field House, Old Road, Bignall End. Mr S Croxton.	Members felt that, although this was a 2½ storey building, the house was too large, its design not being sympathetic to its surroundings and it would have an adverse impact on the views into the Conservation Area and the scheduled Ancient Monument.
10/57/LBC	Repair and minor alterations to listed barns for re-use as agricultural building. Betley Model Farm, Main	The Conservation Advisory Working Party fully supports this proposal to repair and restore the listed building

Road, Betley.  
Mr L Bennion.

and preserve the character of the Conservation Area by retaining the buildings in agricultural use. The Conservation Advisory Working Party also wanted to report the views of the Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Parish Council as follows:-

(1) “We strongly support the retention of these buildings as agricultural buildings and that a scheme needs to be developed to ensure their conservation and long term viability.”

(2) “The application put forward by Laurence Bennion appears to have the possibilities of achieving the aim of keeping the buildings in agriculture and ensuring the long term conservation, although we accept the details of the agricultural scheme submitted as part of the application, we need further refinement. The proposal and application for listed building consent should be supported.”

09/734/DEEM3

Proposed Health and Well Being Centre, which includes a 25m swimming pool, learner pool, spectator gallery, changing facilities, climbing wall, fitness suite, children’s activity zone, dance studio and multi-purpose room.  
Former Holdcroft Motor Centre, Brunswick Street, Newcastle.  
Newcastle Borough Council.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party considered the scheme again with the benefit of ‘3D’ visual designs, and felt that their previous comments still reflected their views – that the whole design, massing and palette of materials was inappropriate.

**721. \* ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- (i) The Civic Society would be reporting details of the successful partnership scheme in Newcastle Conservation Area to their next meeting.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

- (ii) The Civic Society representative reported that Maxims, a Grade II listed building, was for sale.

**Resolved:-** That the information be received.

**MRS W NAYLON**  
**Chair**