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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

10 February 2009

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Richards and Mrs Williams

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr L Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society
Mr D Ferrington – Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust
Mr R Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects
Mr B Sinnott – Madeley Parish Council
Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society

Apologies were received from Councillor Miss Cooper and Mr J Prendergast

639. * 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>
08/975/FUL	Engineering works associated with the reclamation of a derelict rail line to a tarmac track for public access. Land at Silverdale and Cross Heath Former Railway Line, Station Road, Silverdale. HCA.	Members welcomed the proposal to improve the surfacing of the walkway. In view of the proximity to St Luke's Church and this 'old' part of Silverdale, Members requested that a sensibly designed finish be used such as crushed gravel or red ash and not tarmac as proposed.
09/07/FUL	Erection of summerhouse (retrospective). Beech Cottage, The Butts, Betley. Mr W Martin.	Despite being a retrospective application, Members felt that the doorway should be of greater architectural integrity. Request that the lintel over the doorway be removed and replaced with a design more in keeping with the existing arches of the structure.

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09/22/FUL	Change of use from office to dwelling, new vehicular access. 2 Wedgwood Street, Wolstanton. Mr J Finney.	No observations.
09/27/CON	Demolition of redundant building in grounds of 6 Queen Street, Newcastle. Charter Veterinary Surgery.	Members stood by their comments raised on 20 January 2009."No objection and welcome the retention of the gateway to the site that will maintain the character of the Streetscene in this part of Queen Street."
08/278/FUL	Conversion of part of existing barn to a single dwelling and two holiday lets. Manor Farm, Manor Road, Madeley. Mr J Furnival.	Members stood by their comments made on application 08/279/LBC at the meeting held on 20 May 2008. "Members would like to ensure that all conditions attached to any permission are strictly complied with. The Working Party welcomed the efforts gone into retaining the important features of the building."

640. * **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Grant Scheme

Members were advised of a Conservation Areas Grants Scheme being run by English Heritage. A bid had been put in by Newcastle for a three year scheme which would be put together and commenced in April 2010. The Grant would be used in the town centre to help improve the appearances of shop frontages etc.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair