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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

10 June 2008

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Miss Cooper, Richards and Mrs Williams

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mrs J Cameron - Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Parish Council
Mr L Chatterton - Newcastle Civic Society
Mr D Ferrington - Staffs Historic Buildings Trust
Mr J Prendergast - Newcastle Civic Society
Mr B Sinnott - Madeley Parish Council
Mr F Speed - Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Parish Council

89. * **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs A Berrisford.

90. * **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 May 2008 be agreed as a correct record subject to Councillor Miss Cooper's declaration of interest in Carlton House, Merrial Street, being recorded.

91. * **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>
08/279/LBC	Alterations to part of a redundant barn in connection with formation of a single dwelling and two holiday lets. Manor Farm, Manor Road, Madeley. Mr J Furnival.	Members were informed that this application had been considered at a previous meeting.

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08/317/ADV	Erection of 2 hanging signs. 1A King Street, Newcastle. Choices Housing Association.	Members objected to the proposal. The signs were out of character with the building design. Members further objected to the concept of banners in this part of the town centre
08/380/ADV & 08/397/LBC	Directional sign. Maer Hall, Maer. Mr B J Fradley.	The Conservation Advisory Working Party has no objections to the proposal. They felt that it was an attractive and well placed sign.
08/381/FUL & 08/382/LBC	Conservation of barn complex into eleven bedroom hotel and function room facility, including a restaurant, spa and office accommodation and associated new vehicular access and car parking. Betley Model Farm Complex, Main Road, Betley. Ms J Pointon.	Members cautiously agreed in principle to the proposal in that developing the site could preserve some of the architectural features of the buildings, which would be enjoyed by many visitors to the hotel. There were concerns regarding how the proposal would alter this historic part of Betley & 'Old Hall' and the impact it would have on other parts of Betley surrounding the site, water meadows would be altered forever. In addition, the car park could have a detrimental impact on the area.
08/360/FUL	Vehicular access and estate track in association with adjoining Wind Farm development off Poplar Lane, Bearstone. Land adjoining Bridge Farm, London Road, Knighton. Nuon UK Ltd.	No comments.
08/831/EIA	Wind farm including seven turbines, ancillary buildings and estate road. Lower Farm, Bearstone, Market Drayton. (Consultation with N Shropshire DC).	The Conservation Advisory Working Party had deep concerns regarding the proximity and scale of these turbines. They would be visually detrimental to the character and setting of the Listed Buildings. Furthermore, the 'flickering' effect of the rotating blades would become intolerable and be harmful to the landscape of this historic rural village.

92. * **COMMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair welcomed back the Conservation Officer, Louise Wallace, who had recently returned from maternity leave.

Resolved:- That the comments be noted.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair