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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

12 September 2006

Present:- Councillor Lefroy in the Chair

Councillors Miss Cooper and Mrs Lench

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr Danny Davies – Newcastle Trades Council
Mr Philip Hancock – Newcastle Civic Society
Dr Derek Ferrington – Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust
Mr Roy Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects
Mr P Tredwell – Betley Parish Council
Mr Glyn Williams – Madeley Parish Church

355. * 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> |
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| 06/676/ADV | Retention of externally illuminated advertisement sign. 1 King Street, Newcastle. Scott Rathbone. | Recommend refusal. Members felt that the proposal was out of keeping with the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Request that officers negotiate for a more sympathetic scheme. |
| 06/744/FUL | 7 residential units and 150m ² retail unit with apartments over and 18 parking spaces. Wrinehill Garage, Main Road, Betley. McCory Brickwork Ltd. | Members raised objections to this proposal concerned that the development would have a detrimental visual impact on an important gateway into Wrinehill Concerns were raised about the 'massing' of buildings onto the site and the 'quality of' shops that would be operating from the retail units. Members felt that the proposal was not 'up to the mark' in its design and requested that a more sympathetic scheme be sought. |

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| 06/768/FUL & 06/769/LBC | New shop front and internal alterations. 12a Lancaster Buildings, High Street, Newcastle. Thorntons plc. | No objections. |
| 06/770/ADV | Shop fascia sign. 12a Lancaster Buildings, High Street, Newcastle. Thorntons plc. | No objections. |
| 06/778/FUL | Rear Conservatory. Hazely House, 11 Betley Hall Gardens, Betley. Mr Nield | No objections |
| 06/783/ADV | Five advertisement signs. Warner Village Cinemas, 98-104 High Street, Newcastle. Vue Cinemas Ltd. | No objections to four of the signs. However, the signage on the High Street elevation was felt to be detrimental to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Request that officers negotiate for a more sympathetic scheme – possibly reducing the height of the lettering by one third and confirming of the finishing colours. |
| 06/785/FUL | Continuation of use of premises as a hot food takeaway with opening hours to public from 4.30pm to 2am (next day) on each day of the week. 107 High Street, Newcastle. Mr T Anik. | No objections. |
| 06/811/LBC | New windows (single glazed with timber frames). 18a High Street, Newcastle. Miss V E Tommey. | No objections in principle, but request that officers explore the possibility of repairing the existing windows. If this is not possible, negotiate for a design to match that of the 'original windows'. |
| 06/717/COU | Change of use to three apartments with associated internal alterations. 1 Lower Oxford Road, Basford. D H Homes Ltd. | No objections. |

**J J E LEFROY
Chair**