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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

13 June 2007

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Braithwaite, Miss Cooper, Mrs Lench and Mrs Speed

Representing Outside Bodies:

Mr L P Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society

Prof A Gomme – Georgian Group

Mr J Prendergast – Newcastle Civic Society

Mr F Speed – Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Parish Council

Mr G Williams – Madeley Parish Council

145. * 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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Amendment to the following item. The Ward Councillors for this application are Councillors Miss Cooper and Mr Cooper (Porthill Ward) and not the Bradwell Ward Members as stated.

07/347/LBC	Internal and external alterations to provide improved access for the disabled. Bradwell Lodge, Porthill Bank, Newcastle. Newcastle Borough Council.	No objections subject to the finish and colour of all external materials being sympathetic to the existing Lodge.
07/390/LBC	Internal and external alterations and rear extension. School Rooms adjoining The Croft, Ravenshall, Betley. Mr J Lindop.	No objections; however, officers should negotiate for a realignment of the proposed extension to facilitate the retention of window openings thereby protecting the historic character of the building.

07/392/FUL	Replacement dwelling. Field House, Old Road, Bignall End, Stoke-on-Trent. Mr & Mrs Croxton.	The Working Party was divided in its opinion on this application and considered that more details were required to enable informed comment to be made. The innovative approach of the applicant was welcomed, but in general terms concern was expressed about the impact of the proposal on the Conservation Area. The following statement was made by the Chair of the Conservation Working Party:-
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“The application for a replacement dwelling came to the advisory group as the proposal may affect the setting of the Audley Conservation Area.

The Plans, drawings and photographs showed a very striking and innovative design which appears to be situated in a prominent location. Further explanation from the Planning Officer suggested that the building would be constructed in such a way as to make use of topography of the site to reduce the visual impact of the building.

Some Members of the group, including the Chair, wanted to register approval of the design. It was suggested that there is a real dearth of quality modern buildings in the Borough and that an application like this should not provoke a ‘knee-jerk’ reaction and a demand for pastiche which can promote mediocrity and leave nothing representative of this century’s quality architectural design for the future.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party found it very difficult to assess any impact on the Audley Conservation Area on the basis of the photos, plans and drawings available.”

07/394/FUL	Vehicle store. Maer Hall, Maer, Newcastle. Mr B Fradley.	No strong objections but would prefer a simplified roof line.
07/400/FUL	Single storey rear extension. The Old Brown Jug, Bridge Street, Newcastle. Marstons.	No objections.
07/135/LBC & 07/137/FUL	Partial demolition of boundary wall to form access to four car parking spaces. Maer Hall, Maer, Newcastle. Mr B Fradley.	Recommend refusal.
07/379/LBC & 07/380/FUL	Demolition of existing lobby and construction of new porch. Harecastle Farm, Newcastle Road, Talke. Mitchells & Butlers Retail Ltd.	No objections.

146. * **HISTORIC BUILDING GRANT APPLICATION**

Historic Churches Study (Ref 07/616/39/HBG)

A request was made for a grant towards costs involved in carrying out a study on Listed and Unlisted Churches in the Borough of Newcastle.

Resolved:- That a grant of up to £1000 be given as a contribution toward the cost of the Historic Churches Study.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair