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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

15 January 2008

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Braithwaite and Miss Cooper

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr L Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society
Mr D Davies – Newcastle Trades Council
Mr D Ferrington – Staffs Historic Building Trust
Mr R Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects
Mr J Prendergast – Newcastle Civic Society

648. * **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meetings held on 5 September, 25 September, 16 October and 6 November 2007 be agreed as a correct record.

649. * **REVISED WINDOW TYPES ON SIDE ELEVATION OF 19 BARRACKS ROAD, NEWCASTLE
MRS J JOVANOVIC. 07/654/FUL (370/08)**

Members were informed that, although no progress had been made to date on this matter, Officers were aware that action does need to be taken and that enforcement proceedings would be instigated.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party requested that an update on this issue be brought to the March meeting of the Working Party.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

650. * **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>
07/1043/OUT	Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of a single building for occupation by senior persons in ten apartments together with warden	No objections in principle and to the outline application. However, concerns were raised about the loss of a building with interesting design and character. In

	accommodation. Gaunts Hatch, 45 Sandy Lane, Newcastle. Jaram Developments Ltd.	addition, Members felt that the proposal was too 'massed' together and could be spread out. Request that officers negotiate for a more sympathetic design.
07/1044/FUL	Installation of front and rear dormer windows. 21 Crown Bank, Talke. Mr G Bunn.	No objections from this Working Party.
07/1047/FUL	Rear conservatory. Maple Court, 14 Sidmouth Avenue, Newcastle. Mr & Mrs Haynes.	No objections. Members felt that this scheme had no adverse impact on the Conservation Area.

Messrs Davies and Chatterton declared an interest in the next item and took no part in the discussions.

07/1069/FUL	Proposed smoking shelter. Holy Trinity Community Centre, London Road, Newcastle. Holy Trinity Community Centre.	Members agreed with the officer's recommendation to have the shelter reduced and improved in materials and design.
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651. * **NEWCASTLE TOWN CENTRE CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Consideration was given to a report updating Members on the progress and preparation of the Newcastle Town Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

The consultation period would be until the end of March 2008 and not February as stated in the report.

Members welcomed the proposed actions as outlined in the draft management plan. However, a request was made for Action 5 for photographs of 'good examples' of design from around the country where they have 'fitted in' to their surroundings.

Resolved:- That the Planning Committee be informed that this Working Party supports the careful and detailed way that the report had been set out. The proposal would promote the design and quality of the buildings in the town and the 'noting' of local buildings would be of high interest to many people/groups. Members suggested the use of the Reporter magazine to promote and highlight such buildings.

Members look forward to the implementation of the recommendations.

652. * **CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLANS**

Members were invited to comment on proposals to determine a programme for the preparation of the Plans due to be considered by the Planning Committee on

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22 January 2008. The programme will be a 'rolling one' of appraisals on the twenty Conservation Areas within the Borough.

Resolved:- That the Planning Committee be informed that the Conservation Advisory Working Party are happy with the programme and prioritisation but were deeply concerned that the timetable shown would mean that in some areas a so called 'local list' of significant features in conservation areas would not even be started until the next decade. This was felt to be totally unsatisfactory given that all members of the Conservation Advisory Working Party can quote examples of positive and valuable features having been lost due to a lack of any mechanism for preserving them for posterity.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party wish to have this matter considered more carefully, sooner rather than later.

653. * **MARKET STALLS**

A Market Stalls Layout Workshop would be held on 5 February 2008 between 2.00 and 4.00pm in the Council Chamber for members of this Working Group to attend. A presentation would form the basis of a discussion.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair