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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

20 January 2009

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

Councillor Mrs Cooper

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mr D Ferrington – Staffs Historic Building Trust

Mr R Manning – North Staffs Society of Architects

596. * MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 October and 4 November 2008 be agreed as a correct record.

597. * 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 list below:-

<u>App No</u>	<u>Proposed development and name of applicant</u>	<u>Comments</u>
08/639/FUL	Rear conservatory rethink. Grove Court, 100 Lancaster Road, Newcastle. M S L Scott.	No objections but regret use of UPVC for the proposed conservatory at the same time recognising that this choice of material does match the windows in the building.
08/779/FUL	Formation of parking following demolition of building. 6 Queen Street, Newcastle. Charter Veterinary Surgeons.	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.
08/967/FUL	Relocation of existing holiday unit from the hayloft to Bothy Cottage and use of the former hayloft as a dwelling without complying with condition 1 of 06/723/FUL which restricts occupation to short term holiday	No comment.

accommodation.
Holiday Cottage 3 Maer Hall,
Maer.
Mr B Fradley.

08/971/FUL

Extension to observatory to provide new toilets, entrance, exhibition space and extension to existing lecture room.
The Observatory, Keele University, Keele.

The Working Party welcomed the long overdue renovation of the observatory building but strongly felt that the opportunity had been missed to create design quality in the proposal. Disappointment was expressed at the architectural composition of the proposal and of the lack of relationship between elements of the proposed works. Furthermore, it was considered that the proposed works were unsympathetic to this visually prominent site and the existing two domes that are principle elements in the development.

598. * LANCASTER BUILDING – DISABLED ACCESS

The Conservation Officer briefly outlined proposals to provide disabled access to Lancaster Building from the entrance opposite the Market Cross. The works were required to make the building DDA compliant.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair