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CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

24 July 2007

Present:- Councillor Mrs Naylor in the Chair

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

Representing Outside Bodies:-

Mrs A Berrisford – Betley, Balterley & Wrinehill Parish Council

Mr L P Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society

Mr D Davies – Newcastle Trades Council

Mr D Ferrington – Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust

Mr R Manning – North Staffordshire Society of Architects

Mr J Prendergast – Newcastle Civic Society

227. * **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Resolved:- (a) That the decisions on application 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>
07/284/OUT	Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of a single building for occupation by senior persons up to 12 individual apartments. Gaunts Hatch, 45 Sandy Lane, Newcastle. Jaram Developments Ltd.	Members raised concerns to this application in that the proposal would change the character of this 'leafy and open' area of Newcastle. Concerns were also raised regarding overmassing of the area.
<i>Councillor Mrs Speed declared an interest in the next item and took no part in the discussion.</i>		
07/414/FUL	Formation of new front boundary wall and alterations to existing access. Betley Court Farm, Main Road, Betley. Mr & Mrs F Speed.	No objections subject to materials to match existing and the bonding and style are as the original wall.
07/528/ADV	Retention of two externally illuminated signs. 7 Castle Walk, Newcastle. The Carphone Warehouse.	No objections.

07/539/COU	Use of land for adventure recreation activities including paintball and laser tag activities and paintball training, including erection of associated structures and buildings. Northwood Garden Centre, Clayton Road, Newcastle. Mr A Griffiths.	No objections.
07/570/DEEM3	Alley gates on three alleys in the town centre. Land adj 5 Fogg Street/land adj the Old Bulls Head, Lad Lane and land adj 70 High Street, Newcastle. Newcastle Borough Council.	No objections in principle subject to the Conservation Officer closely monitoring the colour, design and proportions of the gates to remain in keeping with the Town Centre.
07/595/FUL	Detached garage. Lakeside, Betley Hall Gardens, Betley. Mr & Mrs Mullock.	No objections subject to careful control over materials and detailing.
07/596/FUL	Erection of new dwelling and garage block. Land adj Summer House, New Road, Wrinehill. Mr R Hudson.	Members were extremely concerned by the over-expansion of a green belt site. Members agreed that the land should be used purely as enabling development to the listed building.
07/618/FUL	Gazebo, two storage sheds and greenhouse. St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Church Lane, Muckelstone. St Mary's C of E Primary School.	No objections.
07/623/FUL	Variation of Condition 3 of 95/662/COU regarding opening times. 132 High Street, Newcastle. Mr M Hussain.	Strong concerns were raised to this application regarding the potential increase in litter in this historic part of the town.
07/624/FUL	Single storey front extension to provide trade counter. Castle Tool Hire, Borough Road, Newcastle. Castle Tool Hire Ltd.	Objections. Too much variation in style. Request that the applicant submit a more sympathetic scheme with a simpler design which reflects the existing building.

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07/405/LBC	Widening of bridge by 1.5m, provision of kerbs, new and replacement stonework and widening approaches. Almington Brodder Bridge, Brodder Lane, Almington. Staffordshire County Council.	Members welcomed the approach made by Staffordshire County Council and the careful manner in which the bridge would be improved. Request careful control over materials (including mortar mixes) and detailing.
07/600/FUL & 07/601/FUL	(600) retention of vehicular access. (601) retention of land restoration and re-profiling works. Sugar Well Farm, Castle Road, Mow Cop. Mr & Mrs D Martin.	Members felt that there was insufficient information available to make an informed decision. Officers would aim to bring additional information to the next meeting for consideration.

MRS W NAYLON
Chair