

**Date of meeting** Tuesday, 16th October, 2018

**Time** 6.30 pm

**Venue** Astley Room - Castle House

**Contact** Geoff Durham



**NEWCASTLE  
UNDER LYME**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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## Conservation Advisory Working Party

### AGENDA

#### PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

**1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Declarations of Interest from Members on items included in this agenda

**2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**(Pages 3 - 4)**

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting(s)

**3 PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS**

**(Pages 5 - 6)**

To receive the decisions of applications which have been previously considered by this Working Party

**4 NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

**(Pages 7 - 16)**

To make observations on new applications received.

**5 CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND**

**(Pages 17 - 18)**

To consider any applications for financial assistance from the Conservation and Heritage Fund which may have been brought to this meeting by the officer

**6 URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

**Members:** Councillors Miss J Cooper (Vice-Chair), Gardner (Chair), Johnson, Moffat and Wilkes

**Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.**

**Meeting Quorums :- 16+= 5 Members; 10-15=4 Members; 5-9=3 Members; 5 or less = 2 Members.**

Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

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## CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 25th September, 2018  
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

**Present:-** Councillor Miss Julie Cooper – in the Chair

Councillors Johnson and Wilkes

Representing Outside Bodies Mr David Broome, Newcastle Civic Society  
Dr S Fisher, Victorian Society  
Dr Chris Wakeling

Officers Louise Wallace

### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September, 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

### 3. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS

**Resolved:** That the decisions on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received.

### 4. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**Resolved:** That the following observations be made on the applications listed below:-

1 River Lea Mews, Madeley 18/00652/FUL

The Working Party had no objections and recommends that the brickwork is tied in to ensure it blends into the existing.

181 Holloway Lane, Aston 18/00682/FUL

The Working Party had no objections to the amendment.

Sites of Horwood, Lindsay and Barnes, Keele University 18/00698/FUL

The Working Party concluded that the scheme was overall more sympathetic and restrained than the previous scheme. Regarding the possible materials, they raised concern about the possible brick at Horwood A & B being too dark and a little oppressive. They recommended that in general there was a balance of colours and materials within the design. Horwood – concerns over the uniformity of layout given the context of Keele and the lack of uniformity and the affect that this may have of the feeling of “place”. They had concerns over the very steep roof pitches on the town houses and the fact that they may date and are very alien feature within the campus. This is more an issue on the smaller groups. They wished consideration to be given to variation of roofs maybe occasional monopitches and reducing the angle of the pitches. Lindsay - They asked for clarification on the cladding at Lindsay town houses and suggested that more earthy colours were used than a buff brick. The Working Party also commented that they wished the provision of disabled rooms not to be grouped in one place but spread around the campus.

**5. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND**

There were no applications.

**6. URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

**COUNCILLOR MISS JULIE COOPER**  
**Chair**

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm

**DECISIONS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON APPLICATIONS WHICH  
HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE WORKING PARTY**

For reports on all committee decisions, please follow the minutes and agendas search on the Council's website or refer to your copy of the Planning agenda for the permitted date. Reports for delegated items can be found in the public access section of the Council's website and a direct link to the application is provided in the last column.

Reference	Location and Applicant	Development	Working Party Comments	Planning Decision
18/00560/FUL	12 Vicarage Lane, Madeley	Replacement garden building	No objections	Approved by delegated powers on 13 September 2018  <a href="http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00560/FUL">http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00560/FUL</a>
18/00614/FUL	Horwood Energy Centre, Keele University	Extensions and alterations	The new building is simple and the detail on new entrance is important. Louvres should be metal to give more industrial theme. Suggestion of signage should be approached with simplicity and it will be critical to overall scheme to get this right.	Approved by delegated powers on 25 September 2018  <a href="http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00614/FUL">http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00614/FUL</a>
18/00508/FUL	April Cottage, 3 the Green, Clayton	Rear extension	No objections	Approved by delegated powers on 10 September 2018  <a href="http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00508/FUL">http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00508/FUL</a>

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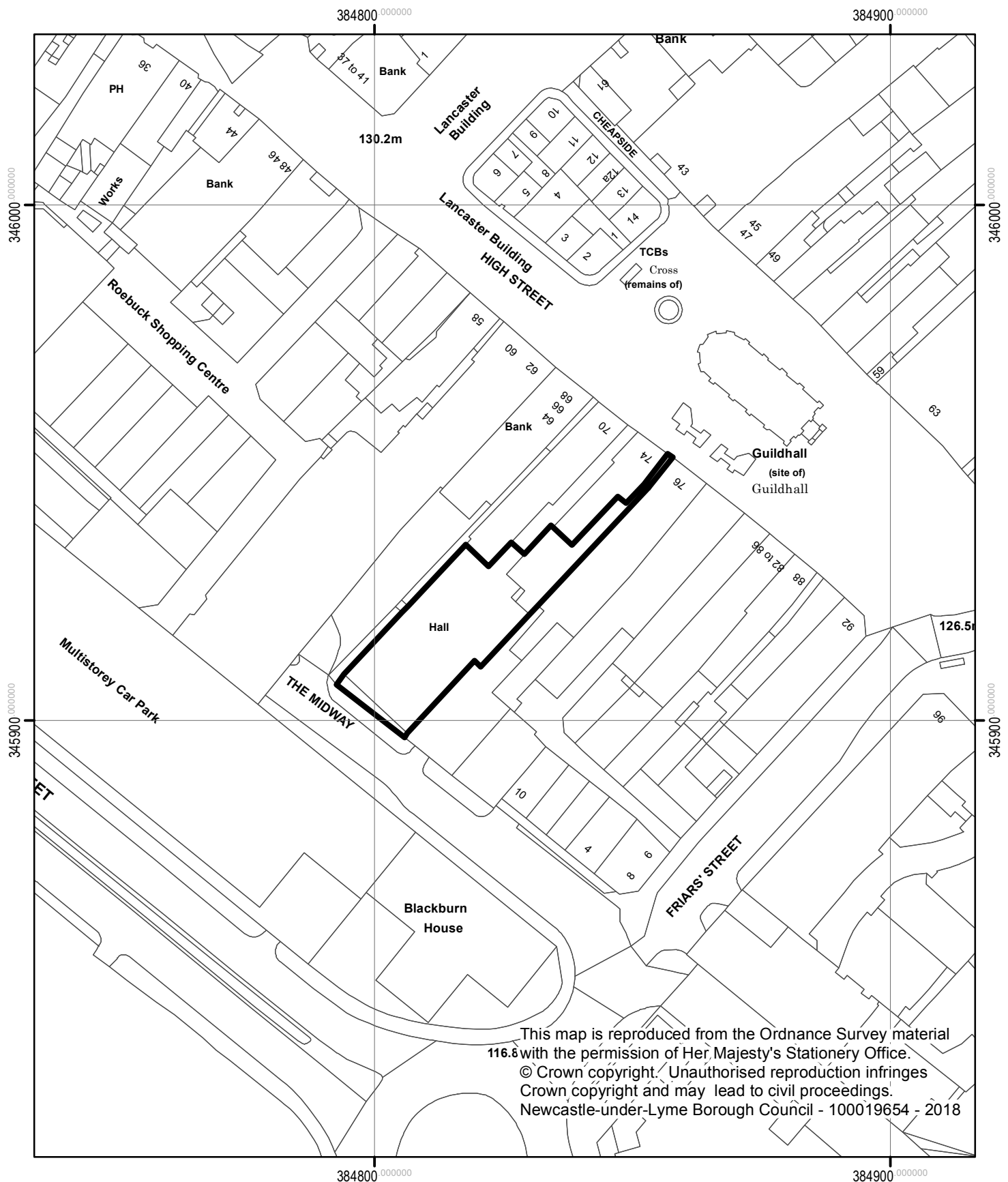
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Reference	Location	Development	Remarks	Link
18/00483/FUL	Former Savoy, Newcastle	Demolition of former cinema and erection of part 9 part 12 storey building to provide 211 rooms of student accommodations – amended plans	Within the town centre Conservation Area	<a href="http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00483/FUL">http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00483/FUL</a>
18/00425/ADV	Kidsgrove Heritage Trail, various sites around Kidsgrove and Butt Lane	13 free standing A2 interpretation panels in 13 locations. Panels to contain historical information, images, map and poetry/prose relating to that place.	Panels located along the Trent and Mersey Canal (Hardingswood) by the Harecastle Tunnels, Red Bull, around The Avenue close to buildings on the local Register including the Town Hall.	<a href="http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00425/ADV">http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00425/ADV</a>
18/00705/FUL & 18/00706/LBC	Old Vicarage, Haddon Lane, Maer	Timber orangery to replace existing conservatory	Affecting a Grade II Listed Building and within Maer Conservation Area	<a href="http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00705/FUL">http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00705/FUL</a>
18/00024/FUL	Renford House, 24 High Street, Wolstanton	Proposed demolition of Renford House and construction of 12 apartment block and two town houses	Within Watlands Park Conservation Area	<a href="http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00024/FUL">http://publicaccess.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/online-applications/PLAN/18/00024/FUL</a>

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## Former Savoy, Newcastle



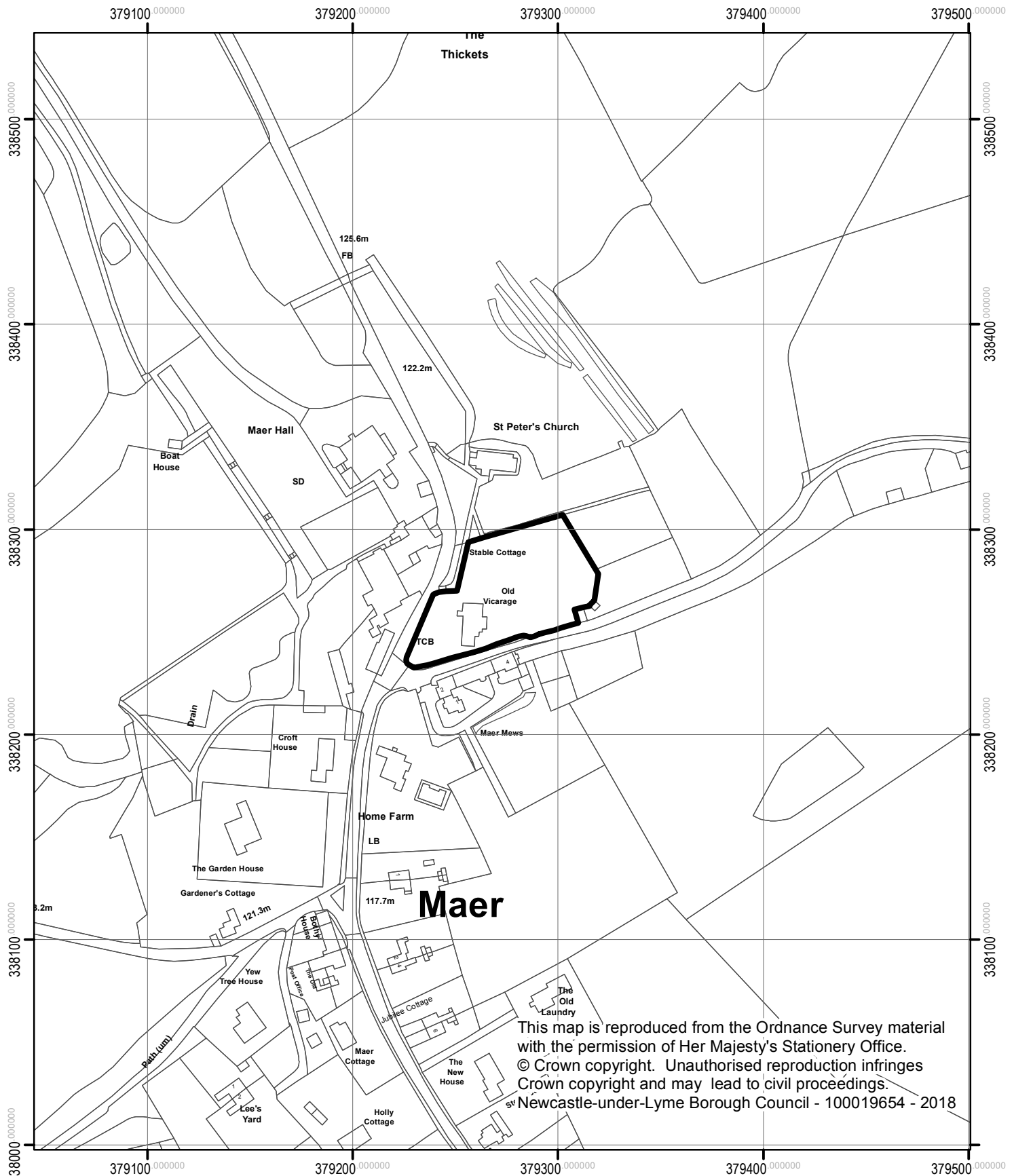
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# Kidsgrove Heritage Trail, various sites around Kidsgrove and Butt Lane



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# Old Vicarage, Haddon Lane, Maer

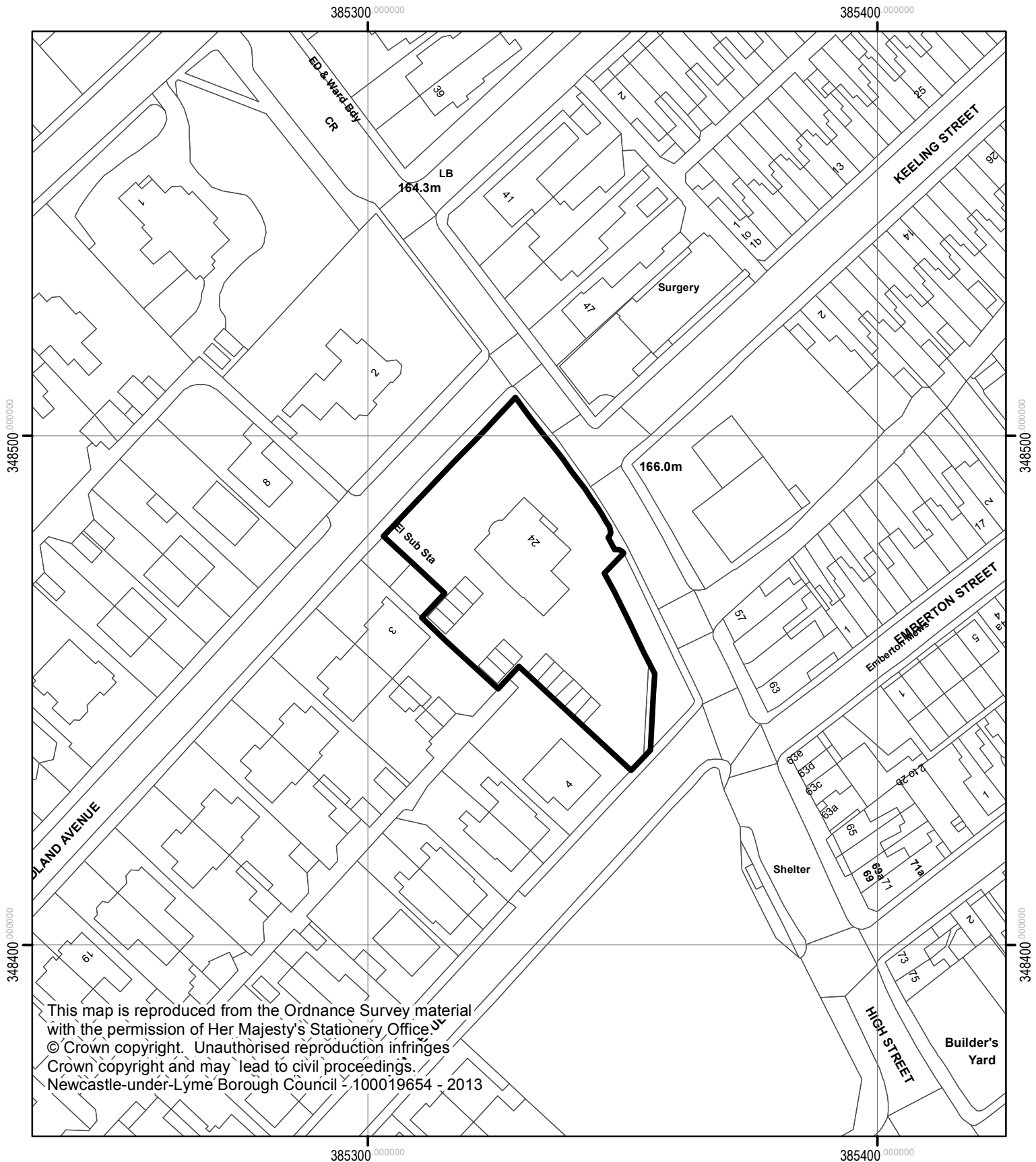


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# Renford House, 24 High Street, Wolstanton



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## **Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – Tower, Millrise, Kidsgrove (Ref: 18/19003/HBG)**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Working Party indicate its views on proposals going to the Planning Committee that:-**

- 1. £138 is provided towards a structural engineers inspection and report of the tower, subject to the appropriate standard conditions**

### **Purpose of report**

To inform the Working Party of an application for financial assistance towards the cost of a report by a structural engineer to assess the state of repair of the tower, and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on the application.

The tower is a Grade II Listed Building. It is in a ruinous state and is on the Councils Building at Risk Register. The building is thought be a former late 18<sup>th</sup> century windmill (although the listing description was amended from Old Windmill to say Tower) and further research would certainly reveal more about its history. It has dressed stonework and the structure reveals 2 internal fireplaces. The Council acquired the structure from the former owner which was gifted in 1985.

Following the Survey in 2016, the Council's Conservation Officer approached the Facilities Management Section of the Council to see if a survey could be instigated to deal with any structural and safety issues the structure may have, to at least consolidate it until more significant repairs, if necessary, could be dealt with. There are numerous vertical cracks within the tower and the stone work at the top of the tower appears vulnerable not least due to the lack of mortar in the joints.

Two competitive quotations have been received from structural engineers to undertake an initial survey of the building to assess what is necessary to ensure the future stability of the structure. It may be necessary for a more thorough survey to be undertaken once the initial investigation has been undertaken but this will be done following the outcome of the first survey. Any repair work can then be costed and quoted for at a later stage.

The total cost of the initial survey is quoted at £690 including VAT. The works are eligible for a grant of up to 20% or up to a maximum of £5,000.

### **Financial Implications**

There is sufficient funding to meet these grant applications with approximately £30,000 in the Fund allowing for commitments.

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