

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 6th August, 2019
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

Present:-	Councillor Miss Julie Cooper – in the Chair
Councillors	T. Johnson
Representing Outside Bodies	Dr Chris Wakeling, Staffs Historic Building Trust Dr S Fisher, Victorian Society
Officers	Louise Wallace
Apologies	Mr D Broome

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 15 July, 2019 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:-

12 Granville Avenue, Newcastle 19/00506/FUL

The Working Party had no objections to the principle or height of the gates but did question if the material was meant to say wrought iron or would it actually be mild steel. They felt the design was a little fussy and could be simplified and the uprights should not be too thin.

White Oaks, Main Road, Betley 19/00536/FUL

The Working Party does not object to the principle of the proposal for an extension and a pitched roof on the swimming pool and think that whilst the modern roof material will be a more obvious visible element does not object to the zinc standing seam roof. One member felt that a tile roof with traditional gutters would be a better choice. They questioned how the water run off would be dealt with. The group felt that the design could be improved in relation to the amount of glazing in the new extension using more horizontal lines. They

had concerns that the proposal gave the appearance of a commercial health spa and not a domestic private residence and that redesigning this glass element may help to reduce any harmful impact which may result within the site and potentially harm the Conservation Area through glimpsed views.

Smithy Cottages, Bar Hill, Madeley 19/00552/FUL

The Working Party considered this scheme against the previous scheme and whilst they thought the previous scheme preserved the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and the setting of the adjacent Listed Building, they have concerns with current proposal which appears to be driven by economics to the detriment of the character of the plot. The additional garage block is not particularly invasive in itself but it means that there is now less green space and additional hardstanding with turning areas and more parking. The two houses have lost their staggered frontages (and rears) and now appear more regimented and suburban. The asymmetry of the houses in the previous scheme is more picturesque and appropriate for this part of Madeley village. The visible elements of this scheme are important to get right so the roof materials should be appropriate and the garages should have timber doors and overall the scheme needs more landscaping to ensure the semi-rural character of the plot remains. The current proposal is more detrimental to the setting of the Listed Building and Madeley Conservation Area.

Land bordering Madeley Pool, Madeley 19/00514/DEEM4

The Working Party has no objections.

5. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

19/20002/HBG – Tower, Millrise, Kidsgrove

Resolved :- The Working Party supports the giving of this grant.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

**COUNCILLOR MISS JULIE COOPER
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm