

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 27th August, 2019
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

Present:-	Councillor Miss Julie Cooper – in the Chair
Councillors	A. Gardner, T. Johnson and I. Wilkes
Representing Outside Bodies	Dr Chris Wakeling, Staffs Historic Building Trust Dr S Fisher, Victorian Society Mr David Broome, Newcastle under Lyme Civic Society
Officers	Louise Wallace
Apologies	None

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 6 August, 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:-**

Renford House, 24 High Street, Wolstanton 19/00529/FUL

The Working Party is disappointed in the quality of this development proposal especially given the critique of the previous submission, although some members felt that the amended roofline was a slight improvement on the last submission. This very ordinary flat design lacks any form of modelling and the front entrance to the apartment block is disproportionately small. The detached houses are unremarkable and the development doesn't complement the rest of the area. More finesse is required for this site. Some members feel the apartment block is inappropriate in terms of its scale and should be 2 or 2.5 storeys. The proposal should be refused on grounds of poor quality design.

The Black Friar PH, High Street, Newcastle 19/00594/ADV

The Working Party has no objections.

The Black Friar PH, High Street, Newcastle 19/00609/FUL

The Working Party does not support this poor quality structure on such a prominent corner of the town centre. It feels that the existing ornate balustrade on the staircase contrasts with the timber structure. Staining the timber might help it to be more recessive. The polycarbonate roof material is also considered unacceptable.

8 Ironmarket, Newcastle 19/00597/FUL

The Working Party has major concerns over this development. The front elevation appears to be an improvement but more details are needed to ensure the quality that would be required for this important street frontage. Some members of the Working Party suggested creating a flat at ground floor but this was not unanimous. This proposal is very basic and improvements are needed at the rear to make this development acceptable. The rear of this property is extremely untidy and unsightly and its appearance really needs to be improved so the flat's entrance is safe for the residents who will access the dwelling at the rear. It was noted that the street light was located directly on the building next to the upper floor bedroom window which might be distracting.

10 Church Street, Audley 19/00588/FUL & 19/00589/LBC

This terrace is highly architecturally significant and nationally important and all materials should be appropriate. The Working Party objects to the changes to the front elevation as proposed as this neither reflects the existing window that reflects the upper floors, or the large windows on either side to mimic the previous arcaded frontage. The rear elevation also was intentionally designed and is unique so the outbuildings are also important and sensitive to change. Some members object to the alterations to the rear particularly the skylight.

5. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

There were no grant applications to consider.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

The Working Party were saddened to hear about the devastating fire at Betley Court and want to send good wishes to the owner and offer any help and support they can at this difficult time.

COUNCILLOR MISS JULIE COOPER
Chair

Meeting concluded at 8.15 pm