

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 10th December, 2019
Time of Commencement: 6.00 pm

Present:-	Councillor Miss Julie Cooper – in the Chair
Councillors	T. Johnson, I. Wilkes, A. Lawley and A. Gardner
Representing Outside Bodies	Dr Chris Wakeling, Staffs Historic Building Trust Dr S Fisher, Victorian Society, David Broome, Newcastle under Lyme Civic Society
Officers	Louise Wallace
Apologies	Councillor(s)

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 19 November, 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

3. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS

Resolved: That the report on the decision 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:-

Manor House Farm, Park Lane, Ashley 19/00895/FUL & 19/00896/LBC

The Working Party is happy with the principle of the conversion and adaptation of the barns and welcomes the fact that this development will save the barns which have serious structural issues in some areas. Concerns were raised over the foundations and that the action is imperative immediately to ensure the north barn gable and rear wall does not collapse. The group points out that there is much more detail required to ensure the conversion will be appropriate. There was objection to the size and amount of rooflights in the proposal which needs addressing. The group raised objections to the glazed gable, that it should be more solid and robust in its approach. For the former loading bay extension, they are happy with the principle but again want a more robust approach and that it should reflect a more agricultural design with less glazing and if metal is used then aluminium is too light an approach –

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otherwise it should be timber. Windows should reflect the style on the barns rather than standardising the style to side opening casements and should be painted timber.

Former Vodafone, Castle Walk, Newcastle 19/00928/ADV

The Working Party refers the decision maker to Council policy, including supplementary planning guidance, on hanging signs and objected to the style of the internally illuminated projecting box sign.

Former Police Station, Merrial Street, Newcastle 19/00925/COU

No objections

Cobra Biologics, Keele 19/00900/FUL & 19/00901/FUL

The Working Party wants better landscaping and higher natural screening of the external ducting and a higher fence to help distract from the development which impacts on the streetscene and the Historic Park and Garden.

Church House Farm, Haddon Lane, Newcastle 19/00877/FUL

The Working Party had concerns about the location of the barn, considering its proximity to the road and other nearby dwellings and given this barn is spreading away from the existing barns and farm buildings. They want to ensure that it doesn't interfere with sightlines to the church and Green Farm.

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 7.30 pm