

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 5th October, 2021
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

Present:-	Councillor Julie Cooper – in the Chair
Councillors	Trevor Johnson, Annabel Lawley and June Walklate
Representing Outside Bodies	Mr D Broome – Newcastle Civic Society Dr S Fisher – Victorian Society Dr C Wakeling – Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust
Officers	Louise Wallace

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Allison Gardner

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 August, 2021 be agreed as a correct record.
 - (ii) That the Minute for 21/00613/deem3 & 21/00614/LBC, Lancaster Buildings, given by the Chair, be agreed.

4. PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS

Resolved: That the report on the decision on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received.

5. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Lancaster Buildings, High Street, Newcastle 21/00613/DEEM3 & 21/00614/LBC

The Working Party considered that the scheme design was an improvement on the previous design and some of the group had no objections. There were however many concerns about the detail and quality of proposal and that any gates would be visually intrusive and no gates at all would be the best solution for the building.

The drawing showed a stainless steel gate and housing which was considered acceptable in principle but there was concern over its robustness and finish and that it should not be galvanised or powder coated as this would potentially degrade rapidly and would look unsightly causing harm to the visual significance of the listed building. A brass type finish was considered appropriate. The group felt that the design does not currently show enough detail around the join of the two gates, which will probably need to be more robust. It was

suggested that the join where the gates meet could be asymmetrical. Also the locking mechanism and how the difference in levels will be dealt with at the step is not shown. It was also felt that a ramp could be considered at this time.

Brampton Lodge, Brampton Road, Newcastle 21/00855/FUL & 21/00856/LBC

Whilst the group supported the use of alternative energy sources there was some scepticism about the small number panels proposed and the likelihood that they would provide any real savings or benefit to reduce heating costs. The listed building is one of great value within this part of the Borough and both options of panels either on roof of the principal frontage or on the flat roof facing the same frontage would both be highly visible and cause an adverse visual effect. It was suggested given the extensive grounds that panels could be mounted on the ground to lessen the impact on the building itself. Another option discussed was that solar film which could be applied to the porch or windows.

6. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

There were no grants.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

COUNCILLOR JULIE COOPER
Chair

Meeting concluded at 7.20 pm