

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 12th July, 2022
Time of Commencement: 7.40 pm

Present: Councillor Barry Panter (Chair)

Councillors: Johnson Barker Reece

Apologies: Councillor(s) Lawley and Berrisford

Substitutes: Councillor Wendy Brockie

Officers: Louise Wallace

Also in attendance: David Broome, Dr S Fisher, Andrew McFee and Dr C Wakeling

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 14 June, 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

3. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

9-11 Liverpool Road, Newcastle 22/00397/FUL

There was a lot of concern about the design of this development overall, particularly on the Liverpool Road side. As a regeneration scheme it is quite ambitious but should be more progressive. The streetscene is currently very disjointed and it is proposed to be replaced by another disjointed building.

The Bridge Street elevation shows an improvement on what exists currently and generally it was thought the articulation was reasonable but could be simpler and possibly just be bricks rather than the metal cladding. Re-facing the Salvation army building was effective providing a high quality brick in an appropriate colour was chosen.

The Liverpool Street elevation is less successful turning what is currently a very horizontal character into a vertical one. If this is accepted, the height is a storey too high on this street frontage and is not inspiring or impressive. The building should stop at the brick parapet and potentially taper down to the domestic scale of the restaurant and former pub. There was objections with the metal cladding of the upper floor.

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The group questioned the point of the small number of parking spaces and if the commercial outlets would work especially in this location and given the very generic looking building. There was concern of a tunnel effect which might be created together with the proposed new multi-storey car park.

Great concern was expressed about the effectiveness of the green roofs, their maintenance and safety and what features were in place to protect residents. It was also felt that there was a lack of coherence between the different elements, ie materials, green roof, changes in levels.

Old Hall, Madeley 22/00550/FUL & 22/551/LBC

The majority of the group had no objections to the proposal providing that the renewal of the roof was undertaken in appropriate materials such as lead and had longevity. Some questioned the need for the rooflight at all, and if so, it should be positioned the other way around.

St James church hall, Church Street, Audley 22/00538/LBC

No objections

4. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

Maer Village Hall, Maer 22/23001/HBG

The Working Party supports the application and recommends that Planning Committee accepts the giving of £3,423 grant in accordance with the report and terms and conditions.

St James Church Hall, Audley 22/23002/HBG

The Working Party supports the application and recommends that Planning Committee accepts the giving of £5,000 grant in accordance with the report and terms and conditions.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

**Councillor Barry Panter
Chair**

Meeting concluded at Time Not Specified