

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 18th October, 2011

Present:- Councillor Miss Julie Cooper – in the Chair

Councillors Allport, D Becket, Burnett and Holland

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 September 2011 be agreed as a correct record subject to Mr Worgan being recorded as being in attendance and to record the apologies of Councillors Allport, Becket and Mrs Burnett.

4. **APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED**

That the decisions on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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

<u>App No</u>	<u>Proposed Development and Name of Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Comments</u>
11/00440/FUL	Marsh Trees House, Marsh Parade, Newcastle. Richard Baker Harrison Ltd.	No objections.
11/00486/DEEM3	Jubilee 2, Brunswick Street, Newcastle. Newcastle-under-Lyme.	No objections, but please note that details should say that Jubilee 2 is adjacent to the town centre conservation area, not within.
11/00490/LBC & 11/00491/ADV	Yates' 14-16 Ironmarket, Newcastle. Stonegate Pub Company.	No objections.
11/00496/FUL	The Raj, 5 Poolside, Madeley.	No objections providing the Working Party ensure the building is painted as proposed.

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11/00500/FUL	19 Castle Walk, Newcastle. Specsavers Optical Stores.	The Working Party objected to the number of units and cabling on grounds of visual amenity. They suggested an alternative site to the rear of the roof, behind the parapet may be less obtrusive.
11/00501/ADV	19 Castle Walk, Newcastle. Specsavers Optical Stores	No objections.
11/00502/ADV	36 High Street, Newcastle. Butters John Bee.	The Working Party noted that there should be a LBC for this sign and objected to the large black fascia sign as very obtrusive. Letters should be individually applied as per the policy.
11/00508/ADV	118-124 High Street, Newcastle. Barclays Bank plc.	No objections.
11/00511/FUL	14-16 Ironmarket, Newcastle. Stonegate Pub Company	No objections.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Civic Society

On behalf of the Civic Society, Mr Worgan asked for a copy of the 'Primary Frontage Shopping Document'. There is no such document but the Conservation Officer would look into what the Society actually required. The Working Party requested that the Council needed a shop front and signage policy for conservation areas.

(b) Poundstretcher

The Conservation Officer updated the group on the issues. She confirmed that the owner's insurers had agreed to settle their claim and that a number of officers and the owner had met on 11 October to set out important issues. It was hoped that the owners would instruct a structural engineer and an architect to move forward with the appropriate applications to redevelop the site. She also detailed the requirements from Building Control were continuing to be met by the owner with the scaffolding system and that hopefully the front hoarding could be removed in the near future. Issues were raised from a member regarding the highway and pedestrian safety issues.

COUNCILLOR MISS JULIE COOPER

Chair

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