

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 26th July, 2016

Present:- Councillor Wenslie Naylor – in the Chair

Councillors Miss J Cooper, Gardner and Johnson

Representing Mr David Broome, Newcastle Civic Society
Outside Bodies Dr S Fisher, Victorian Society
Dr C Wakeling, Staffordshire Historic Buildings Trust
Mr J Whieldon, Newcastle Civic Society

Apologies were received from Councillor Wright

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 5 July, 2016 be agreed as a correct record subject to Dr Fisher being recorded as representing the Victorian Society.

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 application listed below:-

Newcastle Unitarian Church, Lower Street, Newcastle. 16/00549/LBC

The Working Party welcomed the proposed improvements to the building but has some concerns about certain items. They wanted to ensure that the internal partitioning and finishing is of a high quality. They also wanted to ensure that the kitchen area was properly ventilated. They had concerns about the loss of the grassy bank to tarmac which is an attractive feature in front of the building and expressed a desire to have a rubbed surface on the ramp landing. There was also some resistance to the replacement escape stairs and the profiling on the handrail which was too utilitarian and did not reflect the interwar character of changes to the building which were undertaken at this time. The removal of the render was welcomed and presented an opportunity to record the building under a watching brief before the lime render was applied.

7 Park Avenue, Wolstanton. 16/00538/FUL

The Working Party has issues over treatment of coach house although detail is poor the doors appear as metal up and over doors which are not appropriate. In general terms the historic character of the building is not respected and more detail is needed.

The main house is high Victorian of majestic quality which deserves to be treated appropriately. The Working Party welcomes the use as single dwelling and is happy with idea of contemporary extension but the historic character of the house should be respected by treating them both honestly – they object to the removal of the historic windows which are entirely appropriate and remain largely unaltered since 1870s. The house will look odd with metal windows and destroy the character the Article 4 Direction is trying to protect this original character. Modern windows are appropriate in the extension but retention of timber windows in main house. They also felt that there were too many rooflights proposed for the main house.

Orchard House, Brampton Road, Newcastle. 16/00527/FUL

The Working Party have reservations with the juliette balcony and its close proximity to the flue and the lantern so any attempts to improve on the existing conservatory were lost in the detailing.

Rear of Offley Arms, Poolside, Madeley. 16/00594/FUL

The Working Party felt that there was a good attempt to design an interestingly shaped building which was pleasingly unconventional, including the alleyways. The brick needs to be good quality and reflect the darker brick characteristic of Madeley unlike the adjacent development. Some concern was raised over the access and they felt the gable feature was a little fussy.

5. **CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND**

There were no applications to consider.

6. **THE BRAMPTON CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

Resolved: That the Planning Committee be advised that the Conservation Advisory Working Party commends the draft Brampton Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan Supplementary Planning Document.

7. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

COUNCILLOR WENSLIE NAYLON
Chair