

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – Betley Court, Main Road, Betley (Ref: 19/20001/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Working Party indicate its views on proposals going to the Planning Committee for:-

- 1. £3,260 Historic Building Grant to carry out roof repairs to the main roof, subject to the appropriate standard conditions**

Purpose of report

To inform the Working Party of applications for financial assistance towards the cost of repairs to the main roof, and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on the application.

Betley Court is a large estate manor house and a Grade II* Listed Building built by G Wilkinson but has alterations by John Nash. The 18th Century house is built from brick with slate roof. Various repairs are required to parts of the main roof, namely,

- Appropriate repairs to the valleys to the front and side elevations of the house
- Conservation repairs to the fascia/soffit on the southern elevation
- Minor repairs to the skylight on the inner roof
- Re-fixing of tiles over various parts of the roof
- Secure and repair lead flashing, soakers and gutters
- Repairs to the hexagonal flat roof (Twemlow Lodge) and square flat roof (Fenton Cote).

The owner has received 3 quotations for the work and proposes to use the lowest which is estimated to cost £16,300.00 (VAT not eligible in this instance).

Betley Court has recently received a Historic Building Grant of £423 to repair the roof on the bow window on the southern elevation and a sash window. The work on the bow window is due to start in July and the sash window is booked in for June.

Listed Buildings and structures are entitled to apply for up to £5,000 Conservation and Heritage Grant Fund at 20% of the cost of the work. If both grants are accepted, Betley Court will have received £3,683 towards the cost of essential repairs at the house.

Financial Implications

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with £28,000 in the Fund; allowing for commitments.