CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday 24 April 2012

Present:- Councillor Miss Cooper – in the Chair

Councillor Becket

Mr L Chatterton – Newcastle Civic Society
Mr J Worgan – Newcastle Civic Society

Apologies were received from Mrs C Henshaw – Newcastle Civic Society

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 April 2012 be agreed as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

The Conservation Officer informed the group that the Madeley Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan had been accepted by the Planning Committee for consultation purposes. The Conservation Advisory Working Party is now requested to give any views it may have at its next meeting.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Resolved:- (a) That the decisions on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received.

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

App No Proposed Development and Name of Applicant Comments

Applicant

12/00011/FUL St Giles' Church, Church Street,

Newcastle.

St Giles Parochial Church Council. Removal of spoil mound and trees, relocation of headstones, new parking areas and church precinct. The Working Party supports and commends this scheme for the improvement of the churchyard and setting of St Giles' Church.

However, it feels it is essential to ensure an appropriate memorial is provided for the people who may be buried in this location. In addition, an archaeological watching brief is insufficient and there should be a full on site archaeological supervision during the

ground works.

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12/00142/FUL Grass verge, Clayton Road,

Newcastle. Vodafone Ltd.

Installation of a 15m high telecommunications slim line street pole, shrouded antennas, associated

cabinets and ancillary development.

The Working Party objects strongly to the proposal in terms of its visual amenity and impact on the Conservation Area. The mast and boxes should be relocated to another site or on an adjacent building.

12/00150/LBC 36 High Street, Newcastle.

Butters John Bee.

Proposed bar and two 1 bed

apartments.

No objections.

12/00155/ADV

41 High Street, Newcastle. Royal Bank of Scotland Group. Three illuminated fascia signs, two illuminated projecting signs and one replacement ATM header panel. The Working Party objects to the horizontal wrap around fascia strips which are unnecessary and to the extremely illuminated trough lights which are contrary to planning policy. This building is now a building on the Local register and the Working Party should be seeking to preserve its architectural features.

12/00157/FUL The Holy Trinity Roman Catholic

Church, London Road, Newcastle.

Rev Philip Griffin.

Installation of gate and railings mounted on a low level brick plinth.

No objections to the scheme but the posts should be properly embedded into the stone.

12/00161/FUL & 12/00162/FUL

Old Springs Hall, Old Springs, Market Drayton.

Mr & Mrs R Lee.

Demolish existing kennels and replace with a domestic office, alterations to landscpaong including new and reused garden walls and railings. Form a covered glazed link to the house from the stable range. retrospective extension to the lake.

The Working Part supports and commends this scheme to improve the setting of the Hall. However, it has concerns about the nature of the proposal for this modest country house and wants to ensure that the design is historically appropriate. The Council should get advice from appropriate bodies before accepting the designs for the walls, railings and groundworks.

4. PARTNERSHIP SCHEMES IN CONSERVATION AREAS - NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME TOWN CENTRE

The Conservation Officer to e-mail all Members with a copy of the report.

MISS J M COOPER Chair