#### CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 2nd November, 2021 Time of Commencement: 5.30 pm

**Present:-** Councillor Julie Cooper – in the Chair

Councillors Barry Panter and June Walklate,

Representing Dr D Broome, Dr S Fisher and Dr C

Outside Bodies Wakeling

Officers Louise Wallace

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Allison Gardner, Annabel Lawley and Trevor Johnson

#### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

#### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October, 2021 be

agreed as a correct record.

#### 4. NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following observations were made on the applications listed below:

#### Former library, Ironmarket, Newcastle 21/00903/FUL

The working party does support the principle of residential in the town centre to reclaim some vibrancy that has been lost but is concerned about some of the vistas and natural light some apartments will have. Concern was raised over the structural loading of the additional floors.

The working party objects to the design of this proposal given it changes the proportions of the streetscene and wants to refuse the proposal in its current form. It feels the scale and bulk of the building is not appropriate and should not project beyond the face of the existing building line. It also feels like the change from the existing building which has a horizontal perspective to Georgian verticality is not successful as the horizontal banding and the window proportions do not work well with the existing townscape.

CAWP strongly objects to the height of the proposal given it is higher than the chimney on the adjacent property. General consensus was to remove one or two storeys to bring the scale down and fit better with the existing roofscape. Members objected to the standing seam roof and to the scale of the mansard and would prefer use of slate if this traditional approach was being taken. They were generally happy with use of brick cladding.

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It is therefore harmful to the setting of the adjacent listed buildings and other historic buildings and to the conservation area.

It was considered a complete redesign was necessary and they would like the opportunity to comment again on this proposal. A more modern approach would be welcomed.

## 5. **CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND**

There were no applications.

## 6. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

# COUNCILLOR JULIE COOPER Chair

Meeting concluded at 6.30 pm