

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Wednesday, 4th January, 2023
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Barry Panter (Chair)

Councillors: Johnson Lawley
Barker MBE Reece

Apologies: Councillor(s) Broome, McPhee, Mrozicki and Jarret

Officers: Louise Wallace Urban Design/Conservation
Officer

Representing Dr C Wakeling
Outside Bodies: Dr S Venables Fisher

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 29 November, 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

3. **PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS**

Resolved: That the report on the decision on applications previously considered by this Working Party be received.

4. **NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

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

Congregational Chapel, Chapel Lane, Ashley 22/00923/FUL & 22/00924/LBC

The group were generally satisfied with the change of use to the chapel and the external changes of the flue and the rooflights. They felt that the scheme was practical and modest and wanted to encourage the owners to continue with this respectful proposal. Internally, the group considered the lowering of the ceilings regrettable and that it was harmful to the overall experience of the space. There was much discussion over the graveyard and the need for more information about existing and future use of the graveyard. Providing all this was investigated they felt that the parking area was modest and acceptable.

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Manor Farm, Manor Road, Madeley 22/00948/FUL & 22/01025/LBC

The group felt that the scheme was unsympathetic to the character and detailing of the building and akin to a poor quality barracks. The scheme should work more with the existing character and structure of the barn, for example retaining the bullnose brick openings and utilising the internal solid wall for two units rather than three. Plans are not clear enough and don't show the existing detail or proposed detail required for a building classified as a listed building. They also objected to the number of rooflights proposed, despite being conservation style. It was also noted that the plans showing the existing converted barns didn't reflect the actual conversion and the plans were poorly detailed.

Bradwall Hall Nursing Home, Old Hall Drive, Bradwell 22/00858/FUL

Given the context of the new buildings within the setting of the listed building, the solar panels were considered acceptable. And whilst they would have a negative visual impact given the orientation, the setting has already been compromised and there are wider environmental and sustainable benefits. No objections.

Bus station, Stubbs Street, Newcastle 22/01026/ADV

No objections although some members felt that a flatter mounted screen might be better than a freestanding unit for the one in the centre of the bus shelters.

Old Springs Hall, Market Drayton 22/00736/FUL

The group would have preferred a simpler design for the garage roof profile because the half hip is an inappropriate design for this area and not modest enough, maybe open fronted although the group understood that security issues may prevent this. Retention or planting of shrubbery would help to conceal the structure.

5. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

There were no applications.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

**Councillor Barry Panter
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm