

**Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – Newcastle Lodge, Keele University (Ref: 21/22004/HBG)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the following grant be approved:-**

- 1. £ 5,000 Historic Building Grant be given towards essential fabric repairs**

**Purpose of report**

To enable members to consider the application for financial assistance.

The application is for assistance to help carry out essential fabric repairs, comprising of: conservation masonry repairs including specialist stone repairs & replacements, repointing and new rainwater downpipes to Newcastle Lodge.



The Keele estate saw the construction of 4 lodges within the grounds between 1832 and 1847. The lodges were strategically located and influenced by development within the grounds at this time. Newcastle Lodge is located at the northern boundary of the estate.

The heritage statement sets out the historical development of the estate and influence of the Sneyd family as well as a full architectural description of the building.

The Lodge is currently and has historically been used as short-term tenanted accommodation for staff/lecturers associated with the University.

It is proposed that the Lodge will be used by Keele Medical Faculty as a simulation training facility for Paramedics and Midwifery, allowing lecturers and trainers to set up realistic scenarios in real domestic situations to aid with the training of medical students.

The lodge is predominantly red brick with stone quoins, blue diaper brick work and stone banding.

Competitive tender quotations have been received based on full and comprehensive schedule of repairs undertaken by conservation accredited architects. This work has been considered. The total cost of this is £101,343.20 including VAT.



The Lodge is a Grade II Listed Building, and the work is eligible for 20% grant towards the cost of the works. Due to the significant amount of essential repairs needed, this would be over £20,000 but the grant fund enables applicants help up to a maximum of £5,000. On this basis therefore the maximum grant of £5,000 can be offered towards works at the lodge.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party will consider the grant at its next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and its views will be reported to the committee.

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with a little over £12,000 in the Fund; allowing for commitments.