

Conservation Advisory Working Party - 29/11/22

The group are pleased with the partial reduction in height but this will still be visible in longer distance views. They were happy with the salvation army building being visually separate. They welcomed the use within the town centre but felt that the appearance was still a little fussy, would prefer no metal cladding even though it was slightly simpler than the previous design. They felt that the Bridge St frontage appeared more complicated on the entrance corner now given there was general support for this elevation on the original scheme. Overall the design was trying too hard to bring variety in the elevations. Concern was expressed with the use of buff colour bricks.

Byrne Cottage, Main Road, Betley 22/00904/LBC

The group were all supportive of the need for a full and proper assessment of the significance of the building with a heritage statement, particularly the roof structure. Concerns were raised that there was no structural engineers report to ensure that such changes would not be harmful to the building given the structure has settled over hundreds of years. Some members accepted that the occupants needed to create a usable space and the trusses needed to be modified in order to enable this.

Kidsgrove Pentecostal Church, The Avenue, Kidsgrove 22/0883/FUL

Members were unhappy with the scheme which was over intensification of use that did not respect the character and nature of the former chapel and the area. It lies adjacent to a Grade II listed bothy on the edge of the former Clough Hall estate and the church makes an important contribution to the townscape.

They felt that even as a non-designated heritage asset the building should have a scheme which was informed by a statement of significance. The roof lights were considered an unacceptable addition and there were clear issues with the external appearance of the windows by the introduction of a floor and partitions. The loss of the interior features was poorly thought out given the fittings were originally oak. The gothic aesthetic may enable well designed dormers as a better addition, particularly on the road side elevation and the group would like consideration to be given to the stained glass.

5. REGISTER OF LOCALLY IMPORTANT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME- 2022 REVIEW

Resolved: That the additions to the list be supported.

6. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

There were no applications.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

Councillor Barry Panter

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Chair

Meeting concluded at 8.00 pm