

CONSERVATION ADVISORY WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 5th September, 2023
Time of Commencement: 6.30 pm

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Present: Councillor Trevor Johnson (Chair)

Councillors: Barker MBE Reece

Apologies: Councillor(s) Panter and Lawley
Dr C Wakeling, A McFee, C Jarret and A Berrisford

Officers: Louise Wallace Urban Design/Conservation Officer

Also in attendance: Mr David Broome
Dr Sukey Venables Fisher
Parish Councillor Chrissy
Mrozicki

1. **APOLOGIES**

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 8th August 2023 be agreed as true and accurate record.

4. **PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED APPLICATIONS**

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

5. **NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

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

53 Ironmarket, Newcastle 23/00635/FUL

There were no objections. The group fully supported the scheme. It was suggested that a better colour for the windows and doors would not be to match the existing grey but to have an off-white as shown in the applications documents.

Betley Court, Main Road, Betley 23/00668/FUL & 23/00660/LBC

There were no objections to the application.

39 Ironmarket, Newcastle 23/00479/FUL

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Whilst the group supported both the reuse of a redundant ground floor as well as the investment, this shop front detail was not considered an appropriate move forwards. It ignored the context of the existing building and the conservation area, being in close proximity to high quality buildings and traditional shop fronts nearby. The new arrangement would remove the projecting window and create a stepped access. The design of the doorway was nondescript and the windows were styled for the bar theme. The group was unsure of the theme and some thought it had the appearance of a pop up temporary Christmas market. Whilst some alterations had been detrimental to this façade over the years, it still had a distinctive attractive appearance and this design would further destroy this. The waney edge looked rough and it was noted that the Congleton shop front had a straight edge.

6. CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE FUND

There were no applications for the Conservation and Heritage Fund.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business.

**Councillor Trevor Johnson
Chair**

Meeting concluded at 7.30 pm