

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund

The Crossways (Flats 1-3) 36 Ironmarket, Newcastle ST5 1RP (Ref: 24/25004/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following grant be approved: -

**£380 Historic Building Grant be given towards repairing 4 timber windows
Newcastle Town Centre Conservation Area.**

Purpose of report

To enable members to consider the application for financial assistance.

The Crossways, Newcastle (town centre)

The application is for refurbishment and repair of the windows on the property. The building is in an important gateway position on the corner of Ironmarket and Ryecroft overlooking both Nelson Place roundabout and Queens Gardens. The building is prominent in the Conservation Area and is considered part of a positive terrace of buildings within the area. The Council recently received an application for removal of the sash windows and replacement with upvc casements (24/00133/FUL) but the application was withdrawn.

Negotiations have taken place with the applicant, and they are now improving the functioning of the windows by repairing them and applying a draught proofing system to improve the thermal efficiency of the windows.

The applicant has received two quotations for the 4 windows on the front and south side elevation and the lowest is £3,792 (inc VAT, which is payable). 10% of this cost is £380.

On behalf of the Conservation Advisory Working Party, the Chair of the group has considered this grant and recommends that the Planning Committee approve the application.

Financial Implications

Historic buildings and structures are entitled to apply for up to a maximum of £5,000 from the Conservation and Heritage Grant Fund. The intervention rate is 20% of the cost of the work for Listed Buildings. For other historic buildings in the Conservation Area, the intervention rate is 10%.

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with an allocation this year to the Fund of £17,266. This allows for existing commitments.