

Northumberland and Newcastle Society (N&N)

Planning and Development Team (P&D) Planning submissions – June 2024

Application Reference	Application Type	Location Details	Proposal
North Tyneside Council Applications			
24/00757/LBC	Listed Building Consent	Whitley Bay Metro Station, Station Road Whitley Bay Tyne and Wear	Remove existing pendant light fittings to canopy. Replace existing baton & column light fittings in same or adjusted locations (as required) / atrium light fittings with wall mounted LED lights. Replace glazing in Platform 2 entrance atrium skylight & paint inside skylight white. Replace existing blue panels to eastern gable end of Platform 1. Repairs to include overplating sections of the steel structure. Install black bird netting around high level canopy structure
Planning Officer	Julia Dawson		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society supports the grant of planning consent for this scheme</p> <p>The Society notes that the repairs to the station are respectful of the historic fabric of the Victorian structure. The use of replacement modern materials and glazing systems is acceptable and appropriate and will provide a more robust solution to the various issues encountered. Overall, it is a scheme which we are happy to support.</p>		
24/00705/LBC	Listed Building Consent	K4 Telephone Kiosk Station Road Whitley Bay Tyne And Wear	Light touch refurbishment to restore it to reasonable condition. Repair teak door, replace broken glazing units, replace metal window frames where missing, replace leather retaining straps, thorough cleaning and repainting
Planning Officer	Julia Dawson		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society supports the grant of planning consent for this scheme</p> <p>The Society supports and welcomes this repair and restoration scheme for what is described in the application document as one of only five of this iconic design remaining in the country. The applicant has gone to great lengths to ensure that the proposed works will respect this historic, if relatively modern heritage asset.</p>		
24/00519/LBC	Listed Building Consent	Visitors Centre St Marys Island St Marys Island Access Road Whitley Bay Tyne and Wear NE26 4RS	Internal / external installation of digital equipment to improve the educational & interactive visitor experience consisting of CCTV cameras, sensors, WIFI unit, internal TV screens housed in plywood unit, lighthouse style play unit and submarine unit in children's playroom, plus new / improved digital signage
Planning Officer	Julia Dawson		

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Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society supports the grant of planning consent for this scheme</p> <p>The Society notes that this application is for internal works to enhance the educational experience for the many and varied groups who use the visitor centre at St Mary's. The lighthouse itself and its associated buildings are iconic and a huge attraction to locals and visitors to the region. The N&N fully supports North Tyneside Council and the Friends of St Mary's Lighthouse in their endeavours to improve facilities on the island for this and future generations to enjoy.</p>		
24/00081/LBC	Listed Building Consent	Ground Floor 1 Northumberland Place North Shields Tyne And Wear NE30 1QP	Wooden pergola with heating and lighting and banner advertisements (retrospective)
24/00643/FUL	Full Application	As above	As above
Planning Officer	Rebecca Andison		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society recommends planning consent for this scheme is refused.</p> <p>Nos.1-5 Northumberland Place form a short terrace of early 19th century brick houses, listed grade II in 1986.</p> <p>The forecourt of No.1 is enclosed by a low brick wall, which most likely replaced original railings. An application to erect a close boarded fence on top of the wall was refused in 2019 (19/9/00989/LBC) on the grounds that the fencing was inappropriate for the age and style of the building and harmful to its setting. We believe the same is true of the proposed red canvas advertising panels which now enclose the forecourt.</p> <p>The pergola is claimed to be of the highest standards of design and materials to blend in visually. This is not obvious to us. While it is not attached to the building it obscures it. The description of the chosen materials is also questionable.</p> <p>We note there are two letters in support of the application, but only on the grounds of its contribution to the economy and community activity. While we can support the use for these reasons, a better visual approach is required to fit with the aims of the conservation area and protection of the listed building. The use of free standing retractable umbrellas would seem to be one possible alternative and acceptable approach.</p> <p>In 2019 the officer report referred to policy document DM6.6, which seeks to repair damaged features or reinstate missing features in the conservation area. It is to be hoped that negotiations here could lead to a solution in line with this policy.</p>		
24/00788/LBC	Listed Building Consent	3 Spring Terrace North Shields Tyne and Wear NE29 0HQ	Construction of a new rear dormer, undertake associated roofing works and internal improvements
Planning Officer	Rebecca Andison		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society supports the grant of planning consent for this scheme</p> <p>The Society notes this is a well thought out and well presented application that sets a good standard for the treatment of rooflines of this terrace of</p>		

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	heritage assets. It is evident similar interventions elsewhere in the terrace are of mixed quality and we welcome the care and attention to detail applied to this scheme which we feel stands out as a positive exemplar.		
24/00639/FUL	Full Application	King Edward Bay East Street Tynemouth Tyne And Wear	Timber clad sauna cabin
Planning Officer	Rebecca Andison		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society submits the following comment in respect of this scheme</p> <p>The Society is aware that the applicant already operates a “tented” sauna in the vicinity which we understand is very popular with sea swimmers.</p> <p>The proposed structure is shiplap clad to reduce impact and very basic, although purpose made and will be slightly cut back into the steep bank near the steps leading up to the promenade. There does not appear to be any information regarding hours of use or supervision, but we presume that suitable operational conditions will be addressed by the council.</p> <p>There are also several large blue waste bins, some of which will be presumably having to be re positioned further along the lower promenade.</p> <p>The Society has no specific objection to the proposal but would suggest that the council consider a three-year trial period to strictly monitor use of this facility considering its location it falls within the Tynemouth Conservation Area.</p>		