

**Planning and Development Team (P&D)
Planning submissions for Newcastle City Council - July 2025**

Application Reference	Application Type	Location Details	Proposal
2025/0803/01/LBC	Listed Building Consent	68 Grainger Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 5JQ	External alterations include install new shopfronts, reclad existing tiled areas with aluminium panels to Grainger St & Bigg Mkt elevations, new 2 no. halo lit fascia letter & logo signs, 1 no. non-illuminated fascia letter sign & 2 no. non-illuminated projecting signs; install 2no. external louvered grills, alarm box & CCTV camera to Bigg Mkt shop front fascia (part retrospective)
2025/1086/01/LBC	Listed Building Consent	As above	Installation of internal digital advertisement display.
2025/0802/01/DET	Detailed Application	As above	As above LBCs (803 & 1086)
Planning Officer	Lucille Robertson		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society (N&N) objects to grant of approval for the applications subject of this scheme.</p> <p>The Society recommends refusal of this retrospective application on the following grounds:</p> <p>The council's Shop Fronts guidance issued in 2014 states that modern hard glossy materials are not appropriate in such locations (section3.3).</p> <p>The colours of the shop front stand out in long views from the Central Station and lower Grainger Street. They are visually disruptive and assertive in the context of the restrained shopfronts in Grainger Street, especially those of the classical buildings of which the shop is one. Beside the strident colours the shop front is now flush, covering the recesses which held the earlier fascia details and gave some visual interest. The design lacks a strong corner treatment such as should be seen to mark the corner and be a visual support for the upper floors. The entrance to Bigg Market has been closed, leaving only one way in and out, a potential hazard, also making disabled access difficult.</p>		
2025/0577/01/DET	Detailed Application	20 Stowell Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 4XQ	Change of use of ground floor to restaurant/nightclub and change of use of first floor to bar/nightclub (Sui Generis).
Planning Officer	Nick Robertson		
Comment	<p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society (N&N) asks that grant of planning consent in respect of this application is deferred for further information.</p> <p>The Northumberland and Newcastle Society (N&N) has considered the application and notes that further information is required to understand the proposals and their likely impact.</p>		

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No Design & Access Statement or Heritage Statement has been provided, despite being a validation requirement, making it difficult to follow the design approach or how the changes respond to the surrounding context.

The proposed large ground-floor window would alter the building's frontage in a way that departs from the existing pattern along the street, and while the character here is varied, a clearer explanation of this choice would be useful. The mention of new ducting to the rear is not supported by drawings, leaving its scale and appearance uncertain. Similarly, there is no detail on how noise, ventilation, or servicing for the kitchen would be managed, and no indication of arrangements for waste storage or inclusive access.

We consider that these matters need to be addressed before the proposal can be fully and fairly assessed, and would suggest that determination is deferred until this additional information is provided.