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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Development Control Committee</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> 7
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> September 2001</b>	<b>CATEGORY:</b> <b>DELEGATED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>Head of Development Services</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>Marilyn Hallard, Design and Conservation Officer, x5747</b>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Historic Building and Conservation Area Grant Applications</b>	<b>REF: See individual items</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>Swadlincote, Melbourne</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: DS3</b>

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That Mr. and Mrs. Pye's application for 23, High Street Melbourne be refused because the work has been completed.
- 1.2 That a flat rate grant of £1,500 be offered to Mr. and Mrs. Mushtaq for the replacement and enhancement of the shopfront at 68, High Street, Swadlincote, subject to the usual conditions and the following additional conditions:
- i) that the works be carried out strictly in accordance with planning consent 9/2001/0508/F
  - ii) that the colour scheme, mouldings and signs be approved by the Council
  - iii) that a lead covering be provided to the shop fascia and consoles and that this be detailed in accordance with the Lead Sheet Association's guidelines

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

To consider applications for grant assistance

### **3.0 Detail**

23, HIGH STREET, MELBOURNE  
LISTED GRADE II, MELBOURNE CONSERVATION AREA  
APPLICANTS: STEVEN AND HELEN PYE

REF: 13.13 79

- 3.1 23, High Street is a red brick, two storey, late 18<sup>th</sup> century house which is listed grade II and stands just off High Street.
- 3.2 This application is for the uncovering and repair of a leaded light window that was recently found under timber boarding in a former window opening on the ground floor of the west front.
- 3.3 The notes for the guidance of applicants sent with all application forms state clearly that work must not be carried out before a grant offer is made. The letter of acknowledgement sent to applicants reiterates this, informing applicants to contact the Council if there is an urgent reason why the works should go ahead. There is an established procedure for considering requests for permission to start without

prejudice to the determination of a grant application. Unfortunately the work to this property has been carried out without any prior notice or request for permission to proceed and thus under the terms of the scheme the application has been prejudiced.

68, HIGH STREET SWADLINCOTE  
UNLISTED, SWADLINCOTE CONSERVATION AREA  
APPLICANTS: MR. M. MUSHTAQ

REF: 13.13 80

- 3.4 68, High Street is a two storey brick structure built in the 1930's. Whilst the building does make a positive contribution to the character of Swadlincote Conservation Area it is of limited architectural interest and was thus not included in the Swadlincote Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme as an eligible building.
- 3.5 The current owners have suffered repeated attacks of vandalism and are anxious to install security shutters. It is contrary to Council policy to install shutters if this cannot be done in a manner which is in keeping with the character of the conservation area and the addition of a visible external box is thus out of the question. Mr. and Mrs. Mushtaq have been given advice on how they might design a new shopfront that would both enhance the existing building and house hidden shutters. Planning Consent has now been given for a suitable design and this grant application is made on the basis of that consent.
- 3.6 An application for an SRB Town Centre Facelift grant has also been made. A full £5,000 SRB grant is to be recommended but Mr. and Mrs. Mushtaq have informed officers that they cannot afford to undertake the works without additional grant aid.
- 3.7 The total cost of the work based on the lower of competitive estimates is £14,100 (£12,000 + 17.5% VAT).
- 3.8 This is a worthy project that will enhance the character of the conservation area as well as enabling the owners to protect their property in the face of repeated attacks. A grant of £1,500 would enable the works to go ahead. The two grants (£6,500) would amount to 46% of the total cost.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The budget set for Historic Building and Conservation Area grants this financial year is £5,000. This committee at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2001 allocated £2,000 of this to the Swadlincote Heritage Regeneration Scheme. Thus the outstanding balance is £3,000. Should the above recommendation be agreed the remaining balance would be £1,500.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 The proposal is in line with the objectives of the SRB Facelift Scheme, the HERS and the Historic Buildings and Conservation Areas Grants and officers have been working jointly to achieve a co-ordinated solution.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 The Swadlincote Town Centre Strategy and Vision public consultation exercise revealed a good measure of community support for exploiting the town's heritage assets.

#### **7.0 Background Papers**

- 7.1 Grant application. 23, High Street, Melbourne. Ref: 13.13.79
- 7.2 Grant Application 68, High Street Swadlincote. Ref 13.13.80