

CONSULTANCY ADVICE to the task Force has included:-

The principal consultants include:-

- 1 Donald Insall Associates. (Insalls) This specialist conservation architectural practice has advised the council since the first fire in 1984 and is retained to continue with advice for the project.
- 2 Bucknall Austin have acted as retained quantity surveyors to provide cost consultancy advice
- 3 St Blaize (specialist plasterwork conservationists) reported on the condition and restoration of the mural in 1998 and will be instructed to report again.
- 4 Archaeology advisers reported in 1997 and will be instructed to commence explorations shortly.
5. Turpin Smale, a specialist catering consultancy, were appointed by the Council on behalf of the Task Force to explore how to effectively to re-introduce a park café. Options for use as a destination restaurant, offices, business space or community lettings were explored.

For completeness the exercise explored use for e.g wedding income from use of the prestigious rooms in the house as ceremony rooms and catering for wedding parties. This exercise considered opportunities for wedding income from -

- 1) A temporary summer marquee on the rear lawns on both sat /Sunday each week end of the summer, a subsequent study reported on the scope for use of
 - 2) A narrow conservatory extension to the full length of the building or
 - 3) The scheme for which consent has been granted namely a linked extension to the house giving the option for separate functions to those in the main house.
- 6 Bernard Ashmore – Council humanities education adviser (now retired)- Educational themes and potential target groups were identified from primary, secondary, third age curriculum and the life long learning opportunities. These concepts are to be explored further for educational access and inclusive interest groups. Funding sought in the autumn of 2005 from the Heritage Lottery Board will progress this research. It is accepted and desired that educational themes are promoted. A specific zone within the building is designed as an education resource centre. .
 - 7 JMP (consultant traffic engineers) were given the Task Force criteria to respect local concerns to ensure that no breach in the historic wall in Broomfield Lane be allowed and that a design solution be devised to limit vehicle access through the archway opening in Broomfield Lane and to confine spaces to the stable yard only. The design was required to protect pedestrian routes and particularly the entrance /conflict with the playground entrance.
 - 8 Sandcliff Fund raising consultancy represented by Louise Jagger provided advice as to the likely support from local dignitaries and how entrepreneurs might be captured together with recommendations on how a fundraising strategy might be set up and its likely success.

- 9 Malcolm Reading Assoc (Lottery Bid Funding Consultancy) has assisted the council and Task Force in making an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for planning development grant funding to progress the evidence gathering for the audience and inclusiveness /accessibility of the project to all sections of the community.