

IWA LICHFIELD BRANCH - PLANNING SUMMARY
NOTES ON MATTERS DEALT WITH BETWEEN 5/12/2013 & 7/1/2014

Stafford BC.

- The Plan for Stafford Borough: Inspector's Recommendations for further main modifications.

South Staffordshire DC.

- Land adjacent Brinsford Bridge, Stafford Road, Coven Heath: The erection of a single loose box stable for the purposes of stabling a single horse. Wooden stable building in field south of Irish traveller caravan site. No objection. [Email response].

Cannock Chase DC.

- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Employment Land Availability Assessment: Consultation on revisions. No comments.

- Community Infrastructure Levy, Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule consultation: Mentions Hatherton Branch Canal project but not clear if eligible for CIL funding as a transport project. May be more appropriate under the Open Space, Sport & Recreation category but can also contribute to flood prevention at Churchbridge, conservation of heritage assets, provision of alternative green space, tourism and economic regeneration. [Email response].

Walsall MBC.

- Goscote Lane Regeneration Corridor incorporating sites in Shakespeare Crescent, Keats Road, Tennyson Road, Chaucer Road, Wordsworth Road, Dryden Road, Harden Road and Well Lane. Outline permission for residential development on sites A, D and J (access only to be considered): Site A approximately 243 dwellings, Site D approximately 134 dwellings, Site J approximately 25 dwellings; all sites incorporating means of access (not reserved), car parking, infrastructure and servicing. Amended plans omit development of 'The Lea' Green Belt area. Proposed canalside housing on cleared area of derelict land off Shakespeare Crescent is unchanged, with houses facing canal across block-paved access road with canalside landscaping strip and two areas of canalside open spaces. No objection.

Lichfield DC.

- Land north of Dark Lane: Residential development of 151 dwellings, together with associated access, parking, public open space, landscaping and six additional canal boat moorings. The plans show 5 houses in the field behind the moorings on the offside above Alrewas Lock, with one very close to the canal with a blank gable end wall. This is in the Conservation Area and should be retained as open space. There are no details about the construction or use of the proposed moorings on the river section which would be suitable only for short term visitor moorings due to flooding, access and security issues. Long term moorings would require extensive engineering and infrastructure provision. Large scale development outside the village boundary would be contrary to the Local Plan Strategy which seeks to protect the rural environment of the canal and states that housing provision will be decided through an Allocations document.

- Willow Wharf Farm Mooring, Daisy Lane, Alrewas: Retention of shed for storage of tools and machinery. Small wooden shed only just visible from canal. No objection. [Online comment].

- Land at Fradley Park, Halifax Avenue, Fradley: Earthworks cut and fill exercise to form level plots. Layout of roads and buildings is a Reserved Matter in the recent Outline consent for the housing development but this work would pre-empt any design decisions and should be refused. IWA has previously objected to the indicated layout of the housing along the canal frontage which does not address the canal and the opportunity for an attractive outlook.

- 15 Swan Croft, Whittington: Single storey rear extension to form orangery. Replacing conservatory with a shorter but wider extension. No objection. [Email response].

East Staffordshire BC.

- Rustic Centre, Derby Road, Stretton, Burton: Change of use of land from retail to include retail and hand car wash with valeting of vehicles and continued siting of trailer for the sale of hot food. Long rear boundary with canal towpath should have appropriate fencing. [Online response].

North Warwickshire BC.

- Proposed cemetery adjacent Grange Farm, Lichfield Road, Wishaw: Change of use from agriculture to a place of natural burial with new vehicle access, single storey maintenance building, car parking and landscaping. Amended plans affecting road access only. No change to previous comments. No objection. [Email response].

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Land north of Gipsy Lane: Residential development of up to 575 houses including a mixed use neighbourhood centre, public open space, footpaths, cycleways, water attenuation basins, associated infrastructure, including realignment of Gipsy Lane, and potential site for a primary school (Outline with all matters reserved). Open countryside south of Nuneaton and east of the Coventry Canal with only a narrow landscaping corridor shown between the towpath and housing. IWA not consulted on Borough Plan. Green Belt allocation is contrary to national planning guidance. There should be a broader corridor of landscaped open space along the canal frontage. Objection.

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Sutton Cheney Wharf, Wharf Lane, Sutton Cheney, Leicestershire: Installation of sewage treatment plant. Amended plans. Supported. [Online response]. / Since Granted.

Canal & River Trust.

- Planning Notices webpage: Responded to request from P Brown for list of website page links for planning application number searches for possible improvement of CRT weekly lists.

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Further correspondence with Hyder Consulting about their Fradley alternative alignment study. / Response to enquiry by E Wood. / Attended Phase 2 information exhibition at Staffordshire County Show Ground 10/12/2013. / Received Fradley study draft report and plan from Hyder on 23 Dec and comments on it from Gren Messham.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- Lock Cottage, Queens Road, Calf Heath: Reserved Matters application providing details for layout, scale, appearance, access and landscaping. (No objection). Approved.

Warwickshire CC.

- Land either side of the Nuneaton to Coventry Railway Line adjacent to the bridge over the former Griff Arm of the Coventry Canal, off St George's Way Nuneaton: Provision of a new railway station including platforms, waiting shelters, access. Platform access ramp on east side crosses infilled canal line about 1m above former water level to link with footpath on line of towpath under railway bridge. Canal in water on west side of adjacent road bridge but inaccessible. (Not consulted). Granted.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Land adjacent to Pooley Park, Pooley Lane, Polesworth: Erection of a new scout hut with associated access and outdoor activity area, along with temporary siting of portacabins until the new scout hut is available for use. (Supported subject to canalside fencing details and improvements to footpath and Coventry Canal bridge 55 to connect Country Park with canal towpath). Granted, subject to details of alternative to proposed metal palisade fencing adjacent to canal; also agreement to fund footpath link over the canal.

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Stafford BC.

- Land between canal and Ripon Drive, south of Radford Bank, Stafford: residential development of up to 80 dwellings. Objection. The site is green field land rising up the valley side from the canal. Housing would be very visible and intrusive, notwithstanding the indicated retention of some trees and a narrow strip of canalside open space. Loss of green buffer between the canal and existing housing would diminish the setting of the Staffs & Worcs Canal Conservation Area and its recreational attractiveness. Site is not allocated for housing in the Local Plan, outside the settlement boundary, and in the Green Network. / Copied to S&WCS which then submitted similar comments.
- The Plan for Stafford Borough – Modifications: Consultation on proposed Main Modifications following the Examination. No change to policy on residential moorings. No comment.

Cannock Chase DC.

- 5 Mill Lane, Rugeley: Single storey rear extension to form granny annex with balcony over, and front and rear dormer windows to single storey element of the main dwelling. No objection. [Email comment].

Walsall MBC.

- Former GKN Factory, Middlemore Lane West, Aldridge: Removal of conditions and submission of details required for planning permission (for change of use and alterations to east and west elevations to insert new roller shutters and openings). No objection. [Online response].
- 72 Lichfield Road, Pelsall: Single storey rear extension, double garage & conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation. No objection. [Online response].
- West Bromwich Albion Training Ground, 430 Birmingham Road, Walsall: The completion of perimeter security fencing and gates. 2.4m high metal palisade fencing along offside of Rushall Canal between Bell Bridge and locks 8 & 9. Should be set back behind offside vegetation and coloured green. [Email response].
- Environmental Depot, 200 Pelsall Road, Brownhills: Erection of a monopitched agricultural type building for storage of logs/firewood. Site set back from canal. No objection. [Online response].

Lichfield DC.

- Burntwood Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Consultation on appropriate area. Area is the parish boundary and includes Chasewater reservoir and part of the Anglesey Branch Canal. Boundary is appropriate and consultation requested on plan contents. [Online response].

- Wall Parish Neighbourhood Plan: Consultation on appropriate area. Area is the parish boundary and includes part of the Lichfield Canal. Consultation requested on plan contents. [Online response].
- Land south side of Watling Street (Land at Brownhills/off Lichfield Road North): Change of use of agricultural land to caravan site for residential occupation by traveller family with associated works. Affecting Lichfield Canal restoration. (Objection, Refused and Appealed). Appeal hearing Nov 2012 but still not determined. Further written representations invited on any changed circumstances. No further comment.
- Land at Fradley Park, Halifax Avenue, Fradley, Lichfield: Road extension to Halifax Avenue and associated works to Gorse Lane. Highway drains extend to culvert under canal near New Bridge. No objection. [Email response].
- Land north of Dark Lane: Residential development of 151 dwellings, together with associated access, parking, public open space, landscaping and six additional canal boat moorings. Amended plans, reduced to 144 dwellings by removing canalside houses and retaining green field on the offside above Alrewas Lock, as we requested. However, some houses still visible from canal should be screened by landscape planting or also removed. Still no details about the construction or use of the proposed moorings on the river section which would be suitable only for short term visitor moorings due to flooding, access and security issues. Long term moorings would require extensive engineering and infrastructure provision.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Barton Marina, Barton Turn, Barton under Needwood: Erection of two detached buildings to form 9 craft shops. Expansion of craft-based retail outlets welcome in principle and design of units acceptable. But loss of some parking spaces so consent should be conditional on evidence that remaining on-site parking will be sufficient.
- The Bungalow, Shobnall Marina, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent: Prior notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension. Within existing building footprint in place of conservatory. No objection. [Email comment]. / Decision: Prior approval not required.

Tamworth BC.

- Lock House, 1 Wenlock, Glascote, Tamworth: First floor bedroom and bathroom extension above existing ground floor. Despite the name, it's a modern house not near the lock. Set back above cutting opposite The Anchor PH. No objection. [Email comment].

North Warwickshire BC.

- 30 & Ivydene, Grendon Road, Polesworth: Demolition of single storey extensions to sides and rear, including outhouses. Erection of two storey extension, vehicle access/shared drive and parking area. / Erection of dwelling adjacent with associated parking and new vehicle access. (2 applications). Previous application to demolish Ivydene and build two new detached dwellings refused and appeal dismissed. Revised plans are to remove modern extensions and build one new house of matching traditional design adjacent to the canal towpath with windows facing canal. No objection. [Email response].

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Land north of Gipsy Lane: Residential development of up to 575 houses including a mixed use neighbourhood centre, public open space, footpaths, cycleways, water attenuation basins, associated infrastructure, including realignment of Gipsy Lane, and potential site for a primary school; Outline with all matters reserved. (Objection). Sent updated Flood Risk Assessment which includes analysis of any possible canal breach. No change to previous objections. [Email response].

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Commented on draft IWA response to HS2 Phase 1 Environmental Statement consultation. / With Chairman, attended talk on HS2 by Peter Walker of CRT to Trent & Mersey CS meeting at Middlewich. / Commented on Hyder Consulting's draft final report and plans for the HS2 Fradley Junction Alternative Alignment Study. / Submitted Lichfield Branch response to the HS2 Phase 2 consultation and copied it to interested parties and the website. / With Chairman, attended joint IWA/CRT meeting with Staffordshire CC HS2 Project Manager. / Received final version of Hyder report which confirms that an alternative route avoiding the canal crossings is feasible, with reduced noise, visual and landscape impacts and with many £m cost savings.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- Land adjacent Brinsford Bridge, Stafford Road, Coven Heath: The erection of a single loose box stable for the purposes of stabling a single horse. (No objection). Approved.

Lichfield DC.

- Willow Wharf Farm Mooring, Daisy Lane, Alrewas: Retention of shed for storage of tools and machinery. (No objection). Refused.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Wienerberger Brick Works, Rush Lane, Dosthill, Tamworth: Installation and operation of a 130m high wind turbine and associated infrastructure. (No objection). Refused.

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Staffordshire County Council.

- Cannock Chase AONB Draft Management Plan 2014-19 & SEA Environment Report consultation: No references to T&M Canal within AONB. No comment.

Stafford BC.

- Land south of Shirleywich, London Road, Pasturefields, Stafford: Construction of 196 berth narrowboat marina, facilities building, dry dock/workshop, pump-out building, access, car parking and landscaping. Between T&M Canal and the A51. IWA generally supports new marinas subject to appropriate siting and design. Site is suitable and buildings design attractive. Some reservations about the entrance being on a bend in the main road. Main concern is lack of information about levels and depths and disposal of excavated material. There is limited capacity on southern part of site which is to be largely used for translocated wet grassland. No information on type of lining to be used or any import of clay or export of aggregate materials. Pump-out station between basin and canal but limited access from marina side and no landing stage on canal. The nearby Pasturefields Salt Marsh SAC depends on brine springs which could be affected by the excavation and a detailed hydrological study is needed. Conclude that not acceptable without further information and possible modifications.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Improvements to footpaths/cycleways affecting Trent & Mersey Canal in Rugeley. Consultation on proposed new towpath access ramp south of Leathermill Lane Bridge, cycleway along Love Lane with new connection to towpath between the railway bridges, hedgerow planting and unspecified canal/towpath improvements. Consulted CRT before responding. Welcome cycleway to avoid cycling on narrow section of towpath but existing access to north of bridge should be retained and improved for cycle access. No details of new access ramp but concerned that a disability standard ramp could be visually intrusive and expensive. Cycleway, access and bridge works should be funded from highways budget to maximise canal related funding for essential bank protection north to Station Road. Requested plan of new access ramp and involvement in further discussions. [Email response].

- Local Plan (Part 1) Inspector's Report: Plan found to be 'sound' subject to recommended Main Modifications. Mentions canal heritage, ecology and co-operation on canal restoration. Correction to construction date of T&M Canal confirmed in Additional Modifications.

Walsall MBC.

- Land off Winterley Lane, Rushall: Infilling and capping of former limestone mine shafts using on site and imported inert fill processed using a crusher and screen to make engineered infill materials with a reduced scheme to protect the area of the former lime kilns and to restore the ground within 12 months to open space. Amended plans from previous application. No objection, subject to protection of the structure and amenity of the Daw End Branch Canal including the proposed temporary bunding. [Online response].

Birmingham CC.

- Birmingham Development Plan 2031, Pre-submission consultation: Includes a very large employment development site at Peddimore on farmland to the north of the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal between Curdworth and Minworth. The canal is on embankment and the site would be very visible, damaging the attractiveness of the canal for recreation and tourism, affecting the regional visitor economy. Also loss of good quality agricultural land and food production, damage to heritage and nature conservation, and fundamental conflict with principles of Green Belt protection. Site rejected by planning inspector in 2003. No evidence of discussion with Black Country authorities under duty to co-operate about provision of employment land on brownfield sites near to Birmingham. Policy should be replaced by incentives to reclaim and recycle old industrial sites with existing infrastructure and communications and in more accessible locations. [Online response].

Lichfield DC.

- Whittington & Fisherwick Neighbourhood Area: Consultation on designation of area for Neighbourhood Plan. Area is the parish boundary and includes parts of the Birmingham & Fazeley, Coventry, and Wyrley & Essington (Lichfield) canals. Consultation requested on plan contents. [Online response].

- Land at Ogle Lock Marina, Lichfield Road, Brownhills: Notice of Enforcement Appeal by Mr Cunningham. Enforcement Notice served against change of use from marina to marina and open storage of materials for use in civil engineering contracts, because inappropriate development in the Green Belt. Invitation to comment to Planning Inspectorate. Consulted L&HCRT about response. CPC Civils is a canal maintenance contractor and needs a canalside site to store workboats, tugs, dredgers, hoppers, pontoon units, etc. The arm and basin are suitable and the relative scarcity of such sites constitutes very special circumstances in the Green Belt. Visual impact on 'openness' is minor compared with adjacent industrial sites and could be ameliorated by conditions limiting storage height and requiring screen fencing or landscaping on east side to protect residential amenity. Appeal should be upheld and consent given subject to conditions.

- Trees, Landscaping & Development SPD consultation: Detailed advice to developers on tree protection and planting, site layout and landscaping. No comment.

- Employment Land Review Addendum consultation: Assessment of employment land in the southern part of the developer promoted Cricket Lane mixed use site. The employment area is well way from the Lichfield Canal although the housing area would be adjacent. No comment.

- Green Belt Review Supplementary Report consultation: Detailed assessment of how 36 areas of Green Belt land around Lichfield, Burntwood, Armitage, Fazeley, Shenstone and Whittington meet the 5 national purposes of the Green Belt and also local roles. Concludes that all areas are important although 4 are only moderately so, including Cricket Lane in Lichfield which lies south of the Lichfield Canal. The importance of canal boundaries at Fazeley, Whittington, Armitage and the Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area are recognised. The protected route, current restoration work and the recreational and biodiversity benefits of the Lichfield Canal restoration are acknowledged. No comment.

- Local Plan Strategy, Main Modifications consultation: Increases Strategic Development Allocation at Fradley by 250 houses and adds 2 new sites south of Lichfield at Cricket Lane and Deans Slade Farm, both for 450 houses. Both new sites adjoin and include the restoration route of the Lichfield Canal which will be integrated into the open space and green infrastructure, but without any commitment to fund canal bridges or restoration work. Consulting L&HCRT before responding.

Tamworth BC.

- Land south of A5, Bitterscote, Tamworth: Construction of new access including roundabout and employment park. Re-consultation after access arrangement delays. No relevant changes so resubmitted previous 2011 response. Roundabout away from canal, but indicative layout plan for industrial units is unacceptable. Units too close to canal with inadequate landscaping to protect visual amenity and limit noise disturbance. Towpath hedge should not be thinned as shown but strengthened with further buffer zone of mounding and landscaping. Further consultation on Reserved Matters requested.

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Land north of Gipsy Lane: Residential development of up to 575 houses including a mixed use neighbourhood centre, public open space, footpaths, cycleways, water attenuation basins and associated infrastructure, including realignment of Gipsy Lane; Outline with all matters reserved. (Objection). Amended plans but changes remote from canal. No substantive change to previous objections.

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document, Pre-Submission consultation: Allocates site for 610 houses on west side of Hinckley but about 200m at nearest to Ashby Canal. 2001 Local Plan policies on Ashby Canal corridor, marina & mooring developments, and residential moorings are not carried forward. However, objections limited to issues of 'soundness' at this stage and no policies on marinas and residential moorings may be better than unduly restrictive ones. Consulted ACA and CRT about an agreed response. No comments.

Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP.

- Strategic Economic Plan update: Includes 'Cannock canal restoration' (Lichfield & Hatherton) amongst projects seeking Local Growth Fund support.

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Received copy of IWA's final Phase 1 Environmental Statement response, including the full Hyder consultant's report.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Stafford BC.

- Colwich Lock No 21, Main Road, Colwich, Staffs: Installation of UV cured grey plastic liner pipe into bywash culvert adjacent to Colwich Lock and Colwich Lock Cottage. Localised brick and masonry repointing at inlet and outlet culvert headwalls. Listed Building Consent. (Not consulted). Permitted.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Vacant land at Towers Business Park, Wheelhouse Road, Rugeley: Proposed haulage yard, erection of an industrial unit incorporating a mezzanine floor, with ancillary offices and associated car parking. (No objection subject to landscaping). Granted subject to landscaping details.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Barton Marina, Barton Turn, Barton under Needwood: Erection of two detached buildings to form 9 craft shops. (No objection). Permitted.

Tamworth BC.

- Lock House, 1 Wenlock, Glascote, Tamworth: First floor bedroom and bathroom extension above existing ground floor. (No objection). Approved.

North Warwickshire BC.

- 30 & Ivydene, Grendon Road, Polesworth: Demolition of single storey extensions to sides and rear, including outhouses. Erection of two storey extension, vehicle access/shared drive and parking area. / Erection of dwelling adjacent with associated parking and new vehicle access. (2 applications). (No objections). Both Approved.

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Stafford BC.

- Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area Appraisal and Revised Boundary: Attended consultation exhibition at Great Haywood. / Contacted North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch to co-ordinate responses.

South Staffordshire DC.

- Local Plan Site Allocations Document, Issues & Options consultation: Attended exhibition at Penkridge to discuss issues including Hatherton Canal safeguarding and possible canalside site allocations at Penkridge.
- 10 Newlands Close, Penkridge: Extensions to side and rear with internal alterations. A large extension towards the canal requiring removal of screening trees and with a completely blank brick wall facing the canal. Close to Filance Bridge which is an original brick accommodation bridge dating from 1771. The current design would diminish the canal heritage, environment and amenity although it could be improved by inclusion of some windows. Objection.

Cannock Chase DC.

- 8 Armitage Gardens, Armitage Road, Rugeley: Two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension. No objection. [Online comment].

Walsall MBC.

- Former site of Walsall Depot, Norfolk Place, Walsall: Amendments to 2010 planning permissions for erection of 251 dwellings to substitute 14 x 3 bed houses for 14 x 2 bed houses on plots 235-248 inclusive. Confused description as actually substituting 3 bed by 2 bed houses on these canalside plots. Prefer these to the 3 bed version with higher roofs and dormer windows. No objection. [Online response].

Lichfield DC.

- Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule: Consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy tariffs. Sets rates for private housing, supermarkets and warehousing, with exemptions for charities. No comment.
- Local Plan Strategy, Main Modifications consultation: Increases Strategic Development Allocation at Fradley by 250 houses and adds 2 new sites south of Lichfield at Cricket Lane and Deans Slade Farm, both for 450 houses. Both new sites adjoin and include the restoration route of the Lichfield Canal which will be integrated into the open space and green infrastructure, but without any commitment to fund necessary canal bridges or restoration work. Comments limited to issues of legal compliance and 'soundness'. Objected to new allocation of large Green Belt sites at this late stage without full public consultation, contrary to national planning policy and the council's own Green Belt review. South of Lichfield sites policy on Lichfield Canal should be amended to require provision of all necessary new bridges and associated canal channel infrastructure.
- Hammerwich Neighbourhood Area: Consultation on designation of area for Neighbourhood Plan. Area is the parish boundary and includes part of the Wyrley & Essington, Anglesey Branch and the Lichfield Canal. Consultation requested on plan contents. [Online response].
- Land adjacent Keepers Lock, Fradley Junction, Alrewas: Rerouting of existing pipeline under the Trent & Mersey Canal and associated works; discharge of conditions relating to removing and capping of pipeline. Contacted CRT Area Planner but no changes made to proposed works.
- Willow Wharf Farm, Daisy Lane, Alrewas: Erection of an agricultural building to store and process eggs and vegetables and the storage of feed, bedding and agricultural machinery. About 150m from canal. No objection to previous application which was permitted, but amended design is smaller and of improved traditional appearance. No objection. [Email response].
- United Pallet Network UK Ltd., Gorse Lane, Fradley: Erection of 3 temporary buildings ancillary to the existing operations. Unattractive prefabricated buildings visible from Coventry Canal with increased vehicle movements so enhanced landscape screening should be required. Present access off unimproved section of Gorse Lane is unsatisfactory and alternative access off the proposed Halifax Avenue extension should be considered.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Rustic Centre, Derby Road, Stretton, Burton: Change of use of land from retail to include retail and hand car wash with valeting of vehicles and continued siting of trailer for the sale of hot food (Revised scheme). Minor changes. Repeated comment that long rear boundary with canal towpath should have appropriate fencing. [Online response].
- Revised Sustainability Appraisal Report consultation: No comment.
- Guildwell, 3 Horninglow Road North, Burton on Trent: Erection of a detached dwelling and detached garage (Non Material Amendment - porch to northeast elevation, door changed to window on northwest elevation, window changed to door on southeast elevation and internal alterations). Minor changes to approved design. No objection. [Email response].
- Horninglow & Eton Draft Neighbourhood Plan: Includes a policy to improve green space linkages to Trent & Mersey Canal and allocation of former garage site on Horninglow Road adjacent to canal for residential use. No comment necessary.
- A S Taylor Transport, Barton Turn: Erection of a linked extension to existing vehicle workshop. (Not consulted). Between and in line with existing industrial buildings. Some additional tree planting. No objection. [Online comment].
- Land to the east of Efflinch Lane and north of Mill Lane, Barton under Needwood: Reserved matters application for the erection of 130 dwellings including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. No objection to housing away from canal but object to canalside earth mounds blocking views of open space meadowland. Previous objection was answered by promise to relocate the bunds internally but new landscaping plans still show them right along the canal frontage. Repeated

and expanded our objections. / Received comments by Bellway Homes on our letter from the Planning Officer and responded in detail challenging the necessity and effectiveness of the bunding compared with the damage to the canal environment.

- Housing Choice SPD consultation: Housing types, affordable housing, housing mix on different site types and traveller pitches. Nothing specific to individual sites. No Comment.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Core Strategy Examination: Reviewed Suggested Changes and no concerns identified.

Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP.

- Strategic Economic Plan submission: Includes Lichfield Canal Restoration Project on map (but Hatherton Canal in tables) amongst projects seeking Local Growth Fund support but with a low priority.

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- 'Living With The Line' Warwickshire CC mitigation priorities: Invited to endorse document and add IWA logo to it. Declined, due to lack of detail about the impacts and mitigation requirements for the Coventry Canal and canalside Country Parks at Pooley and Kingsbury. / Subsequently received copy of WCC Phase 2 consultation response which includes a more detailed assessment of impacts on country parks although only generalised mitigation suggestions.

- Received copy of CPRE Phase 2 response with helpful comments on canals at Fradley, Chesterfield and the Aire & Calder.

- Correspondence about Higgins Review which suggests building the Phase 2 line to Crewe concurrent with Phase 1, possibly obviating the need for the WCML link line at Fradley.

- Phase 1 Community Liaison Group: Attended meeting at Lichfield with Chairman and gave summary of benefits of Fradley area alternative route.

- Arranged to attend Kings Bromley Parish Council meeting on 9/4/2014 with Chairman and Fradley & Streethay Parish Council meeting on 15/4/2014 to explain alternative route proposals.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Stafford BC.

- Land between canal and Ripon Drive, south of Radford Bank, Stafford: Residential development of up to 80 dwellings. (Objection). Refused.

Cannock Chase DC.

- 5 Mill Lane, Rugeley: Single storey rear extension to form granny annex with balcony over, and front and rear dormer windows to single storey element of the main dwelling. (No objection). Granted.

Tamworth BC.

- The Anchor Inn, Glascote Road, Glascote, Tamworth: Converting and extending the existing public house to a new shop. Attractive conversion of frontage with 'traditional' style rear extension. (Not consulted- would not have objected). Approved.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Oak Tree Farm, Quarry Lane, Mancetter, Atherstone: Change of use of agricultural building to mixed use for agriculture and boat repairs/restoration, extension of existing moorings, provision of hardstanding, installation of steps and charging points, and erection of sheds. (No objection provided limited to joinery work). Granted (8/2013) for amended plans and subject to joinery use only within the building and boats, no servicing or manufacture of boats or engines, no lifting in or out of boats, no transport of boats by road, no sales or advertisements, limited hours of work, approval for Mr Paul Harvey only and not for the site, removal of existing sheds, steps, patio and building extension and reinstatement within 3 months, and sound insulation of building.

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Land north of Gipsy Lane: Residential development of up to 575 houses including a mixed use neighbourhood centre, public open space, footpaths, cycleways, water attenuation basins and associated infrastructure, including realignment of Gipsy Lane; Outline with all matters reserved. (Objection). Refused.

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Stafford BC.

- Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area Appraisal and Revised Boundary: Review of part of 1988 designation document which covered the whole of Staffordshire. Commented on section south of Sandon and copied response to NS&SC Branch for their comments north to Barlaston. Comments include: erroneous references to Eccleshall; Summary of Special Interest and Historical Development sections are inadequate and should include 1988 text; Grand Trunk vision of connecting canals was

fully realised; detailed appraisal omits most accommodation bridges between settlements and fails to mention many of the Listed bridges, locks and mileposts; identified missing structures that should be referenced; proposed boundary revisions mostly acceptable but questioned exclusion of land at Bishton Hall and Taft Farm House; suggested additional book references; offered to assist with additional survey work needed to cover gaps in the appraisal.

- The Plan for Stafford Borough: Notification of a Council Response to the Inspector's Note on Further Amendments to Main Modifications and a statement on National Planning Practice Guidance.

South Staffordshire DC.

- Local Plan Site Allocations Document, Issues & Options consultation: Consulted and advised L&HCRT about Hatherton Canal safeguarding issues.

- Local Plan Statement of Community Involvement, Green Belt & Open Countryside Supplementary Planning Document and Affordable Housing & Housing Mix SPD: Notice of amendments and adoption.

Walsall MBC.

- 178 Hall Lane, Walsall Wood: Single storey extension to side and rear of house. Below the level of Daw End Branch Canal and partly screened by vegetation. No objection, but foundation excavations adjacent to embankment retaining wall should take account of CRT engineering advice. [Online response].

- Dartmouth House, Ryecroft Place, Harden, Walsall: Demolition. Away from W&E Canal. No objection. [Online response].

- Silver Court, Brownhills: Proposed construction of 197 homes including two large 4-storey blocks of flats and 2 rows of linked 3 storey houses facing the canal across landscaped public open space with canalside paths. Attended pre-application public exhibition at Brownhills and completed questionnaire. Layout acceptable and canalside landscaping excellent but design of flats is plain and uninspiring compared to other recent developments on the High Street.

Lichfield DC.

- Land north of Dark Lane, Alrewas: Residential development of 140 dwellings, together with associated access, parking, public open space and landscaping. Further amendments to the plans removing the 7 houses nearest the canal, as we requested. Remaining houses are sufficiently far away to be screened by existing hedgerows. Also removes the proposed moorings on the river which seems best given the uncertainties about usage, flooding, engineering, facilities, access and security as previously explained. No further objections.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Submission Local Plan 2012-2031: Notice of submission. Summary of representations states no change proposed in response to IWA's challenge of the excessive population growth forecast and housing requirement, unsustainable allocation of greenfield sites and undesirable inclusion of Lawns Farm site.

- Lock House, Lichfield Road, Branston: Change of use of part of dwelling for bed and breakfast use. No visible external changes. Not consulted. No comment.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Land adjacent to Pooley Country Park, Pooley Lane, Polesworth: Approval of details of conditions on permission for erection of a new scout hut. Previously proposed canalside galvanised steel fencing now replaced by timber post and wire fence with natural planting and set back from canal boundary. No further objection. [Online comment].

- Land north of Brockwells Timber Yard, Mancetter Road, Hartshill: Erection of a stable block, training ménage, vehicle park and access drive. North of the Anchor Inn and well screened by existing vegetation from Coventry Canal. No objection. [Online comment].

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Land off Triton Road, Nuneaton: Erection of 12 affordable flats and 26 affordable houses. Amended plans for a previous application (Objection). Improved layout and 3 storey apartment block close to canal is of acceptable design but should be set further back behind public open space. [Email response].

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Attended Kings Bromley Parish Council meeting with Chairman and Fradley & Streethay Parish Council meeting to explain alternative route proposals. / Attended HS2 Phase 1 Petitioning Workshop in Lichfield on 22/4/2014. / Correspondence with G Messham about petitioning, new alignment plan, and Handsacre Link. Obtained agreement that IWA should petition against the Bill. / Compiled the draft Petition requesting; additions to the CRT Protective Provisions to cover Noise Mitigation, Construction Compounds and Limits of Deviation; better attention to Design Principles; changes to the plans for the Canal Crossings at Woodend, Fradley to follow the IWA/CRT alternative alignment; and reconsideration of the need for the Handsacre Link if the Higgins report is accepted for earlier completion to Crewe.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Lichfield DC.

- 18 Rookery Close, Handsacre: Single storey side extension to form living room. (Not consulted but would not have objected). Permitted.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Land off Tatenhill Lane, Branston: Outline for the erection of up to 55 dwellings, including demolition of 78 and 80 Tatenhill Lane to facilitate the creation of a new access, including details of access and site layout with all other matters reserved. (No objection subject to design of housing). Permitted.

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Land bounded by Ashby Canal, railway line and Bridge Road, incorporating the former Johnsons factory, Burbage, Hinckley: Erection of a building to be used for storage and distribution purposes with ancillary offices, gatehouse, sprinkler tank and associated parking and landscaping. Previous consent for a manufacturing facility on the same site not implemented. A very large building but set well back behind a canalside park now under construction. (Not consulted). Granted.

- Premier Travel Inn, Trinity Marina, Coventry Road, Hinckley: Extensions and alterations to hotel. Extension in similar style to existing hotel and set back from canal behind pub/restaurant. (Not consulted but would not have objected). Granted.

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Staffordshire County Council.

- Minerals Local Plan: Proposed extensions to sand and gravel quarries would damage the rural environment of several canals. The existing Newbold quarry near Barton blights a long section of the Trent & Mersey Canal and a large extension has recently been agreed without any screening from the canal, contrary to the policies proposed in this plan. The proposed further extension to the NE near Branston conflicts with the approved rugby club development and there should be a specific commitment to adequate screening from the canal. The proposed extension to Calf Heath quarry would border the Staffs & Worcs Canal at Gailey Wharf and there should be a buffer zone to protect the stability of the canal. The canal is being widened for additional moorings and boats are used residentially so there should be landscaped bunding and limits on operating hours to reduce the visual and noise disturbance. The Cranebrook quarry is a very deep excavation bordering the Wyrley & Essington (Lichfield) Canal which is being restored and its stability must be ensured by the proposed extension. The proposed 'area of search' for further sand and gravel sites is a very large area between Alrewas and Kings Bromley and includes part of the Trent & Mersey Canal, Fradley Junction and the Fradley reservoir nature reserve. These should all be removed from the area with a substantial buffer zone to protect the canal's integrity, heritage and amenity. Extraction damages the landscape, countryside and communities and causes permanent loss of agricultural land. There are already more than enough water filled pits in the Trent and Tame valleys to satisfy any need for recreation, fishing and nature conservation and any future sites should be restored to agriculture. The proposed overall provision of sand and gravel sites in Staffordshire is disproportionate and excessive and does not make proper allowance for growth in the use of recycled aggregates. There should be no more sites west of the A38 where they would impact most on communities, landscape and the Trent & Mersey Canal.

Stafford BC.

- The Plan for Stafford Borough, Inspector's Report: The plan is found to be 'sound', subject to a large number of main modifications. Canal Facilities and New Marinas policy accepted without the change we asked for to the prohibition on new residential moorings away from existing settlements. / Notice of Adoption. Amended plan and maps available.

- Hoo Mill Bridge No.76, Hoo Mill Lane, Great Haywood: Increase weight capacity of bridge from 3 tons to 10 tons. Listed Building consent application. Addition of reinforced concrete saddle over the bridge arch and brickwork repointing. Supported. [Online comment].

South Staffordshire DC.

- Local Plan Site Allocations Document, Issues & Options consultation: Commented on Option 14 Canals and Canalside Development. Support approach on marinas which is not to allocate sites but to assess each application on its merits according to the previously agreed Core Strategy policy. Do not support proposals to discontinue effective safeguarding of the restoration route of the Hatherton Canal from prejudicial development. The commitment in the Core Strategy to continue to protect the route should be implemented. A replacement policy should be included in the SAD and the maps should be corrected to fully and accurately show the protected route. A proposed housing site allocation at Churchbridge should be modified to exclude land needed for the canal reinstatement. / Commented separately on Option 4 New Housing Sites and Option 12 Four Freestanding Employment Sites. Object to the proposed housing site off Boscomoor Lane at Penkridge in the Green Belt and with a long frontage to the Staffs & Worcs Canal. Site off Cherrybrook Drive at Penkridge has a short canal frontage and is already allocated but should include a landscaped open space corridor along the canal. Housing sites off the A449 north of Penkridge are preferable, being outside the Green Belt, closer to the village centre and not affecting the canal. Consultation on 'modest' extensions to employment sites is perverse as the recent Employment Land Study says there is already an oversupply. Four Ashes is particularly damaging to the Staffs & Worcs Canal Conservation Area and should not be further extended near the canal and in the Green Belt.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Local Plan (Part 1): Notice of Adoption. Replaces 'saved' policies of 1997 Local Plan including Hatherton Canal restoration route safeguarding, but new route will be safeguarded in Part 2.

Walsall MBC.

- Former Wernicks Hire Site, Apex Road, Brownhills, Walsall: Change of use to metal recycling facility, including re-cladding of existing building, installation of a weighbridge and erection of a 5m high boundary wall. An existing industrial site so no objection in principle but concerned about height, material and appearance of the concrete wall behind the towpath hedge. No details supplied of external appearance or protection of root zones of existing towpath trees and hedgerow. Consent should be conditional on replanting the gaps in the hedgeline in conjunction with CRT to help screen the wall. Materials storage height should not exceed the wall height. External noise levels from reversing sirens should be limited by condition. Should also consider including a gate in the wall to allow off loading of scrap metal transported by canal from suitable canalside sites.
- Veolia E S (UK) Ltd. Empire Works, Stubbers Green Road, Walsall: Proposed gas cylinder treatment plant through cladding of existing building, erection of external scrubber system and siting of new office. No objection. [Online response].
- 44 Hall Lane, Walsall Wood: Demolition of disused factory/commercial unit to rear of main building. No objection, subject to site being left tidy. [Online response].
- 23 Chandlers Keep, Brownhills: Rear conservatory. No objection. [Online response].
- Former Market Site, Land at Silver Street, Brownhills: Outline application for up to 42 residential units with means of access included (all other matters reserved). No objection in principle subject to appearance of houses overlooking canal but should be limited to 3 storey height. Should also consider making this end of Silver Street 2-way to improve access and help relieve the High Street. [Online response].
- Land at Silver Court, Silver Street, Brownhills: 157 residential dwellings with car parking, new estate roads, public open space, canal side park and associated infrastructure. Two rows of 3 storey houses facing the canal and two large 4 storey apartment blocks behind landscaped canalside open space. Housing and layout acceptable and canal side parkland welcome. But housing terraces have a strange 'serrated' appearance and the design of the apartment blocks is plain and uninspiring compared with other recent developments fronting the High Street. [Online response].
- Park Hall Infant School, Park Hall Road: Variation of condition of planning permission for single storey rear extension to enlarge reception and provide store and servery. No objection. [Online response].

Lichfield DC.

- Land south of Shortbutts Lane, Lichfield: Construction of a sustainable mixed use urban extension, comprising of up to 450 dwellings; a primary school, mixed use community hub to include retail development and community buildings; comprehensive green infrastructure including footpaths, cycleways, multifunctional open space including children's play areas, open space for sport and sustainable urban drainage systems; foul and surface water drainage infrastructure including balancing ponds; safeguarded route of Lichfield Canal; link road to form part of Lichfield Southern Bypass; site vehicular access point opposite Shell Garage, London Road; demolition of no 22 London Road to allow provision of second vehicular access from London Road and other associated ancillary infrastructure and ground remodelling. Outline, with means of access. Additional information. Support Staffordshire CC comments that drainage issues needs to be resolved and the canal restoration should be matched to the development. Construction of the canal channel as the main surface drainage conduit is the only acceptable option. Consent must also include construction of the canal channel earthworks, access bridges and retaining walls alongside the Bypass extension. Objection unless made conditional on provision of all the necessary canal infrastructure.
- Fradley Neighbourhood Area: Consultation on designation of area for Neighbourhood Plan. Area is the old parish boundary and includes parts of the Trent & Mersey and Coventry canals. Consultation requested on plan contents. [Online response].
- Streethay Neighbourhood Area: Consultation on designation of area for Neighbourhood Plan. Area is the old parish boundary and includes parts of the Coventry and Lichfield (Wyrley & Essington) canals. Consultation requested on plan contents. [Online response].

East Staffordshire BC.

- Marstons Brewery, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent: Erection of four warehouses (storage & distribution) including alterations to the ground level and associated works (Amended scheme). Resubmission, with changed appearance of cladding. Set back from canal in established industrial site with some screening from canalside trees. No objection. [Email response].
- 404 Lichfield Road, Barton under Needwood: Erection of first floor and part two storey extensions to front and side including dormer windows. No objection. [Email response].
- 406 Lichfield Road, Barton under Needwood: Pre-application consultation on plans for 10 flats on the closed Central Fuel Stores site. No objection in principle but should be reduced to 2 storeys and realigned with canal towpath boundary. However, excessive noise from A38 and dangerous entrance may make this site unsuitable for housing. Suggested considering alternative access from adjacent motel-restaurant site which would be safer and allow noise screening on A38 boundary. [Email response].
- Local Plan Examination: Notice of Initial Questions by Inspector.

Tamworth BC.

- Draft Local Plan: Proposes 700 houses at Dunstall Lane alongside the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal, on land previously partly allocated for industrial development. Although housing may be less visually intrusive than large industrial buildings, it would still be a highly incongruous finger of development protruding into the rural landscape, between the canal and Green Belt on one side and the valley of the River Tame on the other. It would damage the canal's rural environment, tourism potential and economic benefits, and would damage the setting of Dunstall Bridge and Dunstall Farm Bridge which are both Listed Buildings. Previous proposals for development here were rejected by Inquiry reports in 1999 and 2005. It is not sustainable to destroy agricultural land, to build on greenfield sites when brownfield sites are available elsewhere, and the site is isolated from other housing areas with access to facilities dependant on car travel. It should be protected from development by addition to the Green Belt.

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Boot Wharf, Nuneaton: Proposed residential development. Letter received from CRT about a local consultation event. The proposed meeting with the planning officer 2 years ago never took place and the development has been delayed, but a planning application is now being prepared. Attended site meeting on 17 June with CRT Development Surveyor and Star Line Boats proprietor Tony Gallimore to discuss the amended plans for 54 houses and their impact on the operation of the boatyard. Concerns expressed about access, the loss of space for storage of boats being worked on and possible noise complaints from future residents. Noise fencing and landscaped boundary proposed. Reduction in area of housing near the canal suggested. / Received invitation letter for consultation event on 10 July. / Contrary to information from CRT the application has already been submitted but the documents are not yet available on the website. Holding objection submitted by email.

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- Attended meeting of HS2 Working Group at Measham. / Amended draft HS2 petition and advised about its delivery. / Consulted and advised LHCRT about their petitioning. / Reported on HS2 Select Committee session on Hearings timetabling. / Commented on CRT's draft petition. / Commented on issues with CRT's amended alternative alignment at Fradley. / Received final versions of IWA, SCC, LDC, LHCRT & CRT petitions. / Summarised other petitioners comments relating to waterways. / Forwarded concerns about HS2's use of 'secure' email. / Monitored Select Committee's decisions about hearings.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- 10 Newlands Close, Penkridge: Extensions to side and rear with internal alterations. (Objection). Granted, conditional on retention of existing trees and hedge.

Lichfield DC.

- Willow Wharf Farm, Daisy Lane, Alrewas: Erection of an agricultural building to store and process eggs and vegetables and the storage of feed, bedding and agricultural machinery. (No objection). Refused.
- Land off Lichfield Road North, Hammerwich: Appeal against refusal of consent for change of use of agricultural land to caravan site for residential occupation by traveller family with associated works. (Objection). Delayed Inspector's report and decision by Secretary of State. Appeal dismissed and permission refused due to Green Belt and noise issues.

East Staffordshire BC.

- A S Taylor Transport, Barton Turn: Erection of a linked extension to existing vehicle workshop. (No objection). Approved.
- Rustic Centre, Derby Road, Stretton, Burton: Change of use of land from retail to include retail and hand car wash with valeting of vehicles and continued siting of trailer for the sale of hot food (Revised scheme). Refused; fails to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area, etc.
- Lock House, Lichfield Road, Branston: Change of use of part of dwelling for bed and breakfast use. (No comment). Approved.

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Staffordshire County Council.

- Cannock Chase AONB Management Plan 2014-19: Received printed copy. Only a brief mention of canals.

Stafford BC.

- Land adjacent to 1 Meadow Ridge, Baswich, Stafford: New dwelling. Opposite the pub at Radford Bank. A large 3 storey house closer to canal than adjacent properties and plans approved in 2007, with most of canalside trees already removed. Objection unless appropriate screen planting. [Email response].
- Draft Statement of Community Involvement: In list of General Consultation Bodies for Planning Applications should replace entry for 'Navigation Authorities' (as CRT already included) by 'Local Canal Societies' (as for Local Plans) to include 3 IWA branches, T&MCS, S&WCS, SUCS, SRLCIC, S&NCT, NNCRCIC. [Online response].

South Staffordshire DC.

- 26 Marsh Lane, Penkridge: Extension to existing garage and conversion of part into a bedroom. No objection. [Online response].
- Hatherton Canal safeguarding: Correspondence with L&HCRT about a meeting with SSDC and the legal status of route protection.
- Cross Green Caravan, Old Stafford Road, Cross Green: Proposed removal/demolition of existing static caravans and 2 bay car port and proposed replacement bungalow and single garage. An untidy and unattractive site that would be improved provided the canal boundary hedge is retained and replanted as suggested. No objection. [Email response]. / Since Withdrawn.
- Glenside, Dark Lane, Cross Green: Certificate of Lawfulness application for caravan site occupied year round for up to 10 caravans etc. Claim of continuous use since 1999. Not consulted. No comment.

- Coven Heath Farm, Ball Lane, Coven Heath: Canal side service area supplying the needs of passing boats in need of the following: farm produce, fuels, chandlery, domestic pump out, elsan, boat servicing, general boat needs. To provide a picnic area canal side for boaters use; to enhance existing track and create a parking area for up to 10 private vehicles; all the above will need change of use permission. Existing moorings against off side piled bank. Already advertises Calor gas sales. Minimal additional impact on Staffs & Worcs Canal Conservation Area and useful facilities for boats. No objection. [Email response].
- Additional Sites consultation: Suggested additional sites to be considered in the Site Allocations Document. Includes an employment site East of Four Ashes. Existing site is damaging to Staffs & Worcs Canal Conservation Area through noise, visual impact and inadequate screening. Intrusive canalside development diminishes the canal's recreation and tourism value, economic benefits and income for maintenance. No evidence of need for an extension to justify its removal from the Green Belt. Any future development should be set back and height limited with screen planting, exclusion of outside storage and noise restrictions to minimise its visual impact and preserve the tranquillity of the canal.
- 29 Micklewood Close, Penkridge: Treehouse measuring 1.2 x 2.4 metres suspended within a mature tree three metres above ground level. Plans do not show location of tree within the site. Requested missing information. [Email response].

Cannock Chase DC.

- Hatherton Canal safeguarding: Correspondence with L&HCRT about a proposed meeting with CCDC and the status of route protection.
- Community Infrastructure Levy, Draft Charging Schedule and projects list consultation: The response to our comments on the previous 'preliminary' consultation confirms the Hatherton Canal project is not excluded from potential CIL funding, although not a priority as the cost greatly exceeds the CIL funds, but will be considered in the next update. Informed L&HCRT. No further response necessary.
- ATS Euromaster, Mill Lane, Rugeley: Demolition of MOT building and construction of extension to existing repair centre. Building changes not visible from canal and no objection in principle. But canal boundary fencing collapsing and proposed palisade fence may not be appropriate. Consent should be conditional on retention of existing trees, screening of any outside storage, and appropriate walling or fencing on canal boundary that will enhance the Conservation Area.

Walsall MBC.

- 41 Park Hall Road, Walsall: Single storey front and rear extension. Adjacent to Lock 3 of Rushall Canal and attractive Lock House but no objection provided adequate screening maintained. [Online response].
- 4a Roundhill Way, Brownhills: Single storey side extension. Not canalside. No objection. [Online response].
- Land adjacent 146 Hall Lane, Walsall Wood: Proposed 3 bedroom cottage. Amended plans; smaller than previously approved design. Below level of Daw End Branch Canal and partly screened by vegetation. No objection, but any excavations near embankment toe should take account of CRT engineering advice. [Online response].
- Goscote Lane Regeneration Corridor incorporating sites in Shakespeare Crescent, Keats Road, Tennyson Road, Chaucer Road, Wordsworth Road, Dryden Road, Harden Road and Well Lane. Reserved matters application for erection of 412 new dwellings - 235 for private sale and 177 for affordable rent, with associated parking, landscaping and road works. Canalside housing is mainly 3 storey facing the canal across access roads and a 5m wide landscaping strip, with two larger areas of canalside open space. Generally acceptable but concerns about inclusion of a continuous swale and so-called 'dry ponds' along the canal frontage. The depth of this ditch is unclear and could hinder or prevent access to the canalside. There should be culverted crossing points or footbridges to give dry and level access to the edge of the canal. Also need assurance that the swale will not compromise the structural integrity of the canal. / Contacted by Secretary of The Friends Around The Lea (TFATL) about a plan showing an infiltration basin/balancing pond on The Lea, but outside the red line area and not part of the application documents. Wrote to CRT to inform them and express concerns about the incomplete information and potential stability issues for the canal which is embanked on a steep slope and in an old mining area. Received copy of TFATL response.
- 122 Pelsall Road, Clayhanger: 3 bed detached dwelling plus 2 car garage block detached. Identical to 2007 plans renewed in 2010. No objection. [Online response].
- St Aidans Church, Hawbush Road, Leamore, Walsall: Change of use and extension to existing church to 8 self-contained supported living units and staff accommodation. A very plain pitched roof building across the road from Wyrley & Essington Canal. Church currently disused. No objection. [Online response].
- 11-63(odd) St. Thomas Close, Walsall: Installation of externally applied wall insulation with render and cedar weatherboard finish. 3 blocks of three storey flats alongside the Wyrley & Essington Canal. Brick walls to be rendered and weather boarding replaced. No objection. [Online response].

Birmingham CC.

- Birmingham Development Plan 2031: Notice of submission. No major modifications. / Received letter about Examination options, Guidance Notes and Hearings Programme with Issues & Questions. Expect to attend sessions on Green Belt and Peddimore employment allocation 28-30th October.

Lichfield DC.

- Fradley Village Development Opposition: Replied to email from web-based group opposing housing development at Hay End Lane, Fradley, supporting the campaign in line with our representations to this site in the Local Plan in 2011 & 2012.
- Willow Wharf Farm Mooring, Daisy Lane, Alrewas: Retention of shed for storage of tools and machinery. (No objection but refused). Notice of Appeal.
- Kingfisher Holiday Park, Fradley Junction: Change of use of access to include provision of additional access to Kingfisher Holiday Park. Repositioning of a gate to allow use of an existing track to the rear of Fradley Pool for access, thus reducing traffic along the towpath which has severe congestion and safety issues. We have been asking for this in response to various

planning applications for expansion of the site over many years. Supported; should be conditional on the rear access being used for all normal purposes with the existing towpath access restricted to emergencies only. [Online response].

- Local Plan Strategy, Examination: Notice that hearings will resume in October to consider mainly housing issues including sustainability and Green Belt status of the two proposed additional sites. Invitation to submit a statement and appear at the hearings or to submit additional written representations. Council responses to our representations on the Main Modifications concede the requested additional wording in the Policy for the South of Lichfield sites, which includes the current South of Shortbutts Lane site and the proposed additional Cricket Lane and Deans Slade Farm sites, viz: “Integration of a route for the restored Lichfield Canal into an integrated open space and green infrastructure network and provision of all necessary new bridges and associated canal channel infrastructure”. Also concedes additions to the wording of the Infrastructure section of the Concept Statements for Cricket Lane and Deans Slade Farm, viz: “Integration of the route for a restored Lichfield Canal, including the provision of a new road bridge over the lowered canal channel and any further necessary canal channel works, to facilitate its integration with a wider open space and green infrastructure network.” Informed and consulted L&HCRT before responding. Submitted an Additional Written Representation welcoming these further amendments and suggesting a minor change to remove the word “lowered”; No need now to appear at the hearings although expect to attend as an observer out of interest in the wider implications of consultation and Green Belt issues.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Former Garage, 118 Horninglow Road, Burton upon Trent: Residential development of 53 affordable residential units comprising 8 pairs of semi-detached dwellings, 3 blocks of 3 terraced dwellings, 1 block of 4 terraced dwellings, 1 block of 6 apartments and 1 block of 18 apartments, including details of access. Large 3 storey apartment block facing canal and smaller 2 storey apartment block, both of acceptable appearance. Site separated from Trent & Mersey Canal by a stream and cycle route on an old railway and partially screened by mature trees. No objection. [Email response].

- Barton Marina, Barton Turn, Barton under Needwood: Erection of two detached buildings to form 9 craft shops. Minor change only. No objection. [Email response]. / Since approved.

- Outline for residential development for up to 75 residential units with associated car parking, landscaping and amenity areas including details of access and layout. Between the marina and the fishing lake on an area previously approved for a hotel. Acceptable layout and design and no impact on canal so no objection, although concerned that it could set a precedent for further housing development. [Email response].

- 23 Kingsmead, Stretton, Burton: Single storey rear extension. No objection. [Online response].

- Local Plan Examination: Received letter with invitation to Pre-Hearing Meeting and agenda, indicative hearings programme, outline of issues, and guidance notes. Unable to attend Pre-Hearing on 16 September due to clash with HS2 Select Committee visit to Lichfield. [Email response].

North Warwickshire BC.

- Core Strategy Main Modifications consultation: No comments.

- Site Allocations, Preferred Options consultation: (1) Employment site at Atherstone between Holly Lane and the A5 along both sides of the canal now a “long term safeguarding option” for “high quality, smaller scale, primarily research and development or general industrial uses appropriate to the location reflecting the character, setting and heritage assets along the Coventry Canal”, and access constraints acknowledged; Welcomed these changes and reiterated need to retain hedgerow and tree screening. (2) Housing site at Westwood/Herring Road now removed leaving the only canalside site in Atherstone at Britannia Mill, Coleshill Road as a conversion of the Listed mill building; Supported. (3) Housing site west of Woodpack Farm, Polesworth is subject to decision on Local Wildlife Site designation and archaeological investigation; Reiterated need for limiting impact on canal by good layout, design and landscaping. (4) Additional small canalside site at Fairfields Hill, Polesworth is in the centre of the village and acceptable subject to appropriate layout, design and landscaping. (5) Local Nature Reserve at Abbey Green Park, Polesworth; adjoining canal; Supported. Also commented on the Sustainability Appraisal. The so-called ‘Reasonable’ Alternative Sites include 2 housing areas adjacent to Atherstone Locks 3,4 & 5 which should have ‘significant’ built environment/cultural heritage scores, and a further employment site around Baddesley Basin marina and boatyard which should be excluded from the area. [Email response].

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Boot Wharf, Nuneaton: Letters from CRT apologising for premature submission of the application by the developer, which has now been withdrawn, and subsequent postponement of consultation event.

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Unit D Maple Drive, Hinckley: Erection of 6 industrial units, 1 unit with trade counter and 1 retail unit with associated parking, landscaping and ancillary works. This phase of the development is away from the canal. No objection. [Online response]. / Since Permitted.

- Basin Bridge Bungalow, Hinckley Lane, Higham on the Hill: Proposed erection of farm building. Its proximity to the canal, size and materials would have an adverse visual impact on the Ashby Canal Conservation Area. [Online response]. / Amended Plan: Building reduced to half the size and set back 12m from canal. No further objection subject to condition on reinforcement of towpath hedge planting. / Since permitted, subject to protection of trees and hedgerow adjacent to canal.

- Land adjacent to Greyhound Stadium, Nutts Lane, Hinckley: Removal of previously approved footbridge, steps from Nutts Lane and pathway from plot 10 including the reposition of the ramp under 2012 planning permission. No objection but access to the towpath should be retained. [Online response]. / Since Permitted.

- Statement of Community Involvement consultation draft: Updated SCI without list of specific consultees. Confirmed IWA contact information and areas of interest. [Email response].

- Land bounded by Ashby Canal, railway line and Bridge Road, incorporating the former Johnsons factory, Burbage, Hinckley: Variation of condition to revise the approved building and service yard plans for the erection of a building to be used for storage and distribution purposes with ancillary offices, gatehouse, sprinkler tank and associated parking and landscaping. Increased number of loading bays. A very large building but set well back behind a canalside park now under construction. (Not consulted). No comment.

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Attended Working Group meeting at Measham 24/7/14: No challenge to IWA's standing by HS2 Ltd.; Shown draft of CRT's proposed 'Side Agreement'; CRT has agreed to fund the Fradley realignment case; HS2 have conceded 200 kph alignment acceptable and Hyder working on further revisions to route limiting effects south of the A38; Woodend Lock Cottage sold to HS2 and will be tenanted; HS2 to fund study of LCC slipway and moorings relocation; Phase 2 'announcement' expected in Autumn but no decision on route until 2015; Select Committee has visited Birmingham area. / Select Committee visit to Lichfield programmed for 16 Sept. / Commented on draft of proposed CRT Side Agreement.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Stafford BC.

- Land south of Shirleywich, London Road, Pasturefields, Stafford: Construction of 196 berth narrowboat marina, facilities building, dry dock/workshop, pump-out building, access, car parking and landscaping. (Objection). Refused due to insufficient information about possible impacts on groundwater source for Pasturefields Salt Marsh SAC.
- Hoo Mill Bridge No.76, Hoo Mill Lane, Great Haywood: Increase weight capacity of bridge from 3 tons to 10 tons. Listed Building consent application. (Supported). Granted, subject to use of lime mortar for re-pointing.

Lichfield DC.

- Land north of Dark Lane, Alrewas: Residential development of 140 dwellings, together with associated access, parking, public open space and landscaping. (No further objections). Refused.
- Fradley Pumping Station, Brookhay Lane, Lichfield: Construction of a borehole building, service road and associated works. Small building across the road from the canal. (Not consulted). Granted.

East Staffordshire BC.

- 404 Lichfield Road, Barton under Needwood: Erection of first floor and part two storey extensions to front and side including dormer windows. (No objection). Approved.
- Land to the east of Efflinch Lane and north of Mill Lane, Barton under Needwood: Reserved matters application for the erection of 130 dwellings including details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. (Objection to canalside earth mounds). Approved.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Land north of Brockwells Timber Yard, Mancetter Road, Hartshill: Erection of a stable block, training ménage, vehicle park and access drive. (No objection). Approved.
- Baylis's Lock Cottage, Birmingham & Fazeley Canal, Kingsbury Road, Curdworth: Removal of condition 6, relating to occupancy, of planning permission for erection of dwelling to replace Curdworth top lock cottage. Replacement of cottage demolished for M6Toll construction, limited to occupation by a waterway employee. CRT wants freedom to sell or let the property in future. (Not consulted). Granted.

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Staffordshire County Council.

- Minerals Local Plan: Received notice of report to County Planning Committee including summary of responses, list of new sites submitted and revised timetable for the plan.

South Staffordshire DC.

- 29 Micklewood Close, Penkridge: Treehouse measuring 1.2 x 2.4 metres suspended within a mature tree three metres above ground level. Retrospective. Additional plan and photographs show treehouse within canalside weeping willow tree but fairly well concealed from canal. No objection. [Email response].
- Cross Green Caravan, Old Stafford Road, Cross Green: Proposed replacement of existing caravans for one new Park Home caravan. Previous application for replacement bungalow was withdrawn. An unattractive site that would be improved provided the canal boundary hedge is retained and managed as suggested. No objection. [Email response].
- Land off Gravelly Way, Four Ashes: Vary the wording of conditions 3 & 15 from 'Prior to the submission of any reserved matters ..' to 'As part of any reserved matters submission ..'. A large scale warehouse development on the offside of the canal opposite the chemical works, given outline consent in 2008 and later renewed but again about to expire due to non-submission

of landscaping and access details. (Previous objections). IWA remains very concerned about destruction of canal side woodland and visual and noise intrusion. Variation of conditions should be refused. [Email response].

Walsall MBC.

- Proposed de-registration of common land at Pelsall North Common: Formal notification in connection with new bridge over Wyrley & Essington Canal alongside Yorks Bridge. No comment needed.

Lichfield DC.

- Local Plan Examination: Received timetable of Hearing sessions 9-17 October.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Local Plan Examination: Received letter with updated schedule of issues, draft programme of hearings, table of main modifications and schedule of post submission documents. Requested participation in Hearing session on Branston Locks (Lawns Farm) site in early December. [Email response]. / Received Note of Pre-Hearing Meeting.
- Marley Building Materials, Lichfield Road, Branston: Erection of a detached building to form engineering store, including the demolition of existing engineering store and removal of storage containers. Away from canal within existing industrial site. No objection. [Online response].
- Former Garage, 118 Horninglow Road, Burton upon Trent: Residential development of 51 affordable residential units comprising 8 pairs of semi-detached dwellings, 3 blocks of 3 terraced dwellings, 2 blocks of 4 terraced dwellings and 1 block of 18 apartments, including details of access (revised layout and building schedule). Minor changes only. (No objection). No further comment.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Hartshill Neighbourhood Plan: Consultation on designation of area. Area is the parish boundary and includes part of the Coventry Canal. Consultation requested on plan contents. [Email response].
- BEC Engineering Ltd. Richmond Road, Atherstone: Reserved matters for demolition of existing factory premises and erection of 6 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping. (Not consulted on 2009 Outline application). Two storey terraced houses of traditional design on the offside and facing the canal. No objection. [Online comment].

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Boot Wharf, Nuneaton: Attended further site meeting on 30 September with CRT Development Surveyor and Star Line Boats proprietor Tony Gallimore to discuss minor changes to plans and boatyard working practices. Satisfied about access and noise issues but remain concerned about loss of boatyard operational space. Resubmission of application for 54 houses expected within a month.
- Land off Triton Road, Nuneaton: Erection of 12 affordable flats and 24 affordable houses. Amended plans; apartment block nearest to towpath set back by 2 metres behind publicly accessible open area, as we requested. No further objection. [Email response].

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Land adjacent Waterworks House, Quarry Lane, Snarestone: Change of use of land for the siting of 6 holiday lodges, alterations to access and formation of parking and turning area. Field next to the section of the Ashby Canal currently being restored. Wooden chalet style lodges of various sizes. No objection. [Email response].

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- Correspondence about HS2 Select Committee visit on 16 September to Cappers Lane, Streethay and Fradley Junction including handout leaflet and representation on site. / Advice to L&HCRT about response to letter from HS2 offering qualified assurances about continuity of the restoration at Cappers Lane. / Additional Provisions published; checked plans and reports for further impacts on canals. / Attended Select Committee visit at Cappers Lane with L&HCRT and Cruising Club reps and at Woodend Lock with Branch Chairman and CRT; encouraging indications that the Hyder report alternative route is being seriously considered. / Further correspondence with L&HCRT following their meeting with HS2 Ltd. / Correspondence about next Select Committee visit to Warwickshire. / Advice on press release welcoming Government announcement on adopting alternative route around Lichfield.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Staffordshire County Council.

- Newbold Quarry, Bardon Aggregates, Lichfield Road, Barton under Needwood: 160 hectare extension to the existing Newbold Quarry to extract 13.5 million tonnes of sand and gravel. (Objection). Granted, but with no change to inadequate screening from canal.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Marstons Brewery, Shobnall Road, Burton on Trent: Erection of four warehouses (storage & distribution) including alterations to the ground level and associated works. (No objection). Approved.

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Staffordshire County Council.

- Cannock Chase AONB Annual Review 2013-14: Received copy of leaflet.
- Minerals Local Plan, Additional Site Options consultation: 7 new, replacement or amended sites. None directly canalside in Lichfield Branch but the Hopwas Wood site is in a nearby amenity area valued by canal users and half of the site is Ancient Woodland so its allocation would be totally unacceptable. Also the Mile Flat site is alongside the Staffs & Worcs Canal at Hinksford, south of Swindon – referred to Birmingham Branch. [Email response]. / Notification that Hopwas Wood site has been withdrawn.

South Staffordshire DC.

- Land off Gravelly Way, Four Ashes: Vary the wording of conditions 3 & 15 from ‘Prior to the submission of any reserved matters ..’ to ‘As part of any reserved matters submission ..’ (Amended application). A large scale warehouse development on the offside of the canal opposite the chemical works, given outline consent in 2008 and later renewed but again about to expire due to non-submission of a Landscape & Biodiversity Plan. Entirely unacceptable and should be refused. [Email response].
- 30 Kings Road, Calf Heath: Proposed alteration and extension to existing house, alteration, extension and conversion of existing games room to a dwelling and erection of a dwelling house with associated access and landscape. Historic house at Hatherton Junction partly screened by hedge. Extensions to rear and new house of acceptable appearance. No objection. [Email response].
- Truckers Rest, Watling Street, Four Crosses, Cannock: Proposed crematorium, chapel, offices, reception, associated car parking and access. Between the A5 and the Hatherton Canal, with landscape planting towards the canal. Would be an improvement on the present unsightly lorry park and café on infilled land. No objection. [Email response].
- Local Plan, Site Allocations Document; Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople; Issues & Options: Consultation on site selection criteria and suitability of numerous suggested sites. All the sites are in Green Belt and 2 are adjacent to the Staffs & Worcs Canal. Brinsford Bridge at Coven Heath is an existing site for 3 pitches and expansion to 4 was refused in 2010 because of harm to Green Belt, landscape and Canal Conservation Area. It should not be expanded to 8 or 15 pitches. Glenside at Slade Heath is an existing unauthorised site, set back from the canal edge and should not be expanded up to the canal with 15 pitches. This area is under threat from creeping urbanisation, with the Golf centre, permission for houses and applications for caravans. Both sites have inadequate screening from the canal and would affect ‘boaters’ who are recognised as neighbours in Core Strategy Policy H6. Selection criteria should include heritage but not personal circumstances.

Cannock Chase DC.

- ATS Euromaster, Mill Lane, Rugeley: Demolition of MOT building and construction of extension and alterations to existing repair centre (Amended plans). Building changes not visible from canal and no objection in principle. Following our comments the boundary fencing has been changed to a dwarf wall topped by railings, and two trees on the canal boundary are now to be retained. Requested a limit on outside storage and a S106 contribution to CRT for improvement of the adjacent canal bank.

Walsall MBC.

- Wyrley & Essington Aqueduct, over the railway to the north of 50 Raymond Close. Listed Building Consent: Tactile inspection and assessment of aqueduct including minor intrusive investigation works to structural elements. Application for Network Rail. Consulted CRT before responding. Drilling holes into the 150 year old cast iron baseplate in unknown condition could cause cracking leading to catastrophic failure. Survey should be limited to ultrasound testing initially and drilling non-critical areas of girders to test material strength. [Email response].
- Goscote Lane Regeneration Corridor incorporating sites in Shakespeare Crescent, Keats Road, Tennyson Road, Chaucer Road, Wordsworth Road, Dryden Road, Harden Road and Well Lane, Walsall. Reserved matters application for erection of 412 new dwellings - 235 for private sale and 177 for affordable rent, with associated parking, landscaping and road works. (Amended plans). Proposed swale (drainage ditch) alongside canal now removed as we requested, enabling public access to canalside amenity space and avoiding threat to structural integrity of the canal. Housing is facing the canal across access roads and landscape corridor linked with two areas of canalside open space. Layout and design is acceptable. No further objection.
- Land within The Lea opposite Shakespeare Crescent, Walsall. Proposed balancing pond to facilitate storm water runoff to Goscote Lane regeneration area sites A and D. Landscaped ‘infiltration basin’ taking storm water overflow including from combined sewer which could result in surface deposits of untreated sewage, which is not acceptable in a public open space area. No evidence of any geotechnical investigation of the effect of greatly increased discharges of flood water into the ground beneath the canal which is on embankment on a steep slope above old coal mine workings. This could cause gradual or catastrophic failure of the canal embankment. Objection.

Birmingham CC.

- Birmingham Development Plan Examination: Attended hearings at Aston University on Green Belt policy, Peddimore employment allocation and Duty to Co-operate on 28-30th October.

Lichfield DC.

- Local Plan Examination: Attended Hearing sessions on Sustainability of Alternative Sites and Exceptional Circumstances for Green Belt allocations on 14-16th October.
- Land north of Dark Lane, Alrewas: Residential development of 140 dwellings, together with associated access, parking, public open space and landscaping. (No objections). Notice of Appeal. No further comment.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Coors National Distribution Centre, Fourth Avenue, Burton on Trent: Retention of 3 storage buildings. Smaller buildings to the side of the main warehouse, largely screened by the towpath hedge. No objection. [Email response].
- Land adjacent to Pirelli factory, Derby Road, Stretton, Burton: Reserved Matters application for the erection of 300 dwellings including details of appearance, scale and layout. Mostly two storey houses of conventional design facing the canal across public open space, but layout too regular and uninspiring. 3 storey apartment blocks near the Princess Way bridge are much too close to the canal and should be removed or set further back. No landscaping details, and public use of the open space could be limited by what appears to be a large canalside drainage 'swale' although there is no explanation of this in the application. Objections. Should also be developer contribution to CRT for towpath improvements and maintenance for increased use in the vicinity of the site.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Local Plan Core Strategy: Notice of adoption.

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Cresswell Coaches, 3 Shortheath Road, Moira: Erection of 24 dwellings including demolition of existing buildings. Adjacent to restored section of Ashby Canal. Partly screened by hedge with further tree planting proposed. Two storey houses of conventional design with 3 of the 4 canalside houses facing canal. No objection. [Email response].
- Local Plan: Requested future consultation on the replacement Local Plan.

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- Received 3 plans of centre lines of revised route around Woodend and Lichfield from Staffordshire CC and forwarded to colleagues. / Received copy of Assurances to L&HCRT about carrying out necessary works at the Promoter's expense. / Circulated comments to Select Committee by STOP HS2 about need for the Handsacre Link. / Correspondence about the difference between Assurances and Undertakings. / Comments on 2nd Report by David Higgins, Chairman of HS2 Ltd. 'Rebalancing Britain' which recommends using the Handsacre Link for additional 'classic compatible' services to Stoke and Stockport, and the previously proposed earlier extension to Crewe but without any decision on this. It resolves nothing and creates much additional uncertainty about Phase 2 by questioning most of the station locations and much of the route of the eastern leg. It also promotes a new "HS3" trans-Pennine route, giving calculated time savings without even having any agreed route, construction or speed standards, or cost estimates !

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- 29 Micklewood Close, Penkridge: Treehouse. (No objection). Approved.
- Coven Heath Farm, Ball Lane, Coven Heath: Canal side service area supplying the needs of passing boats in need of the following: farm produce, fuels, chandlery, domestic pump out, elsan, boat servicing, general boat needs. To provide a picnic area canal side for boaters use; to enhance existing track and create a parking area for up to 10 private vehicles. (No objection). Approved subject to landscaping.

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Ashby Canal, Quarry Lane, Snarestone: Variation of condition of 2007 permission to allow amended plans for a revised design for Bridge 62 on the Ashby Canal. Replacement bridge to be flat deck rather than arched and faced with reclaimed "Wilkes Gobs" bricks recovered from demolished bridge. (Not consulted). Permitted.

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Land bounded by Ashby Canal, railway line and Bridge Road, incorporating the former Johnsons factory, Burbage, Hinckley: Variation of condition to revise the approved building and service yard plans for the erection of a building to be used for storage and distribution purposes with ancillary offices, gatehouse, sprinkler tank and associated parking and landscaping. Increased number of loading bays. (No comment). Approved

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Stafford BC.

- Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area: Notice of implementation of boundary revisions proposed in the earlier Appraisal.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Employment Land Availability Assessment, Call for Sites and SHLAA Panel Membership: Invitation to submit additional development sites for consideration in updated Assessments. No comment.

Walsall MBC.

- Areas of Bridgewater Close and Wyre Close, Walsall Wood: Public realm improvements with parking, access gates, hard and soft landscaping including extensions to areas of some gardens. No objection. [Online response].
- Land within The Lea opposite Shakespeare Crescent, Walsall. Proposed balancing pond to facilitate storm water runoff to Goscote Lane regeneration area sites A and D. (Objection). Correspondence with The Friends About The Lea (TFATL). / Received copy of CRT response asking for more information to assess effects on stability of canal embankment. / Reconsultation on description change to Proposed "infiltration basin" and additional documents including reports on site investigation boreholes, trial pits and soakaway tests. These show Made Ground (old colliery waste) above Sand & Gravel which implies storm water would drain below the canal embankment but at unknown depth. Embankment stable if undisturbed but water pressure or washing out of material could destabilise it with potentially catastrophic consequences. Further hydrological and geotechnical testing needed to ensure canal embankment stability, or it would be irresponsible to approve this application. An alternative drainage strategy would be to pipe the storm water beneath the canal to an infiltration basin or underground tank in the field on the downstream side. / Further correspondence with Ken Wall of TFATL about the Flood Risk Assessment's recommendation against infiltration due to ground contamination.

Lichfield DC.

- Land adjacent Huddlesford Bridge, Broad Lane, Huddlesford: Erection of a joinery workshop and storage building. Small triangular field opposite The Plough between Coventry Canal, railway and road. Application says site is already being used for fuel sales, boat hire (Tin Can Narrow Boat Hire) and boat maintenance work, but no previous planning consent for this and concerns about pollution prevention and access issues. Joinery fit-out is a craft activity that needs a canalside site. This is a green field site but isolated and of limited agricultural value. Site is dominated by railway embankment and bridges so the small timber workshop building will be unobtrusive and enable the removal of outside materials storage. Boundary includes area under the railway bridge used as a wharf for access but may not be within ownership or permitted, so the irregular soft canal bank may need bank protection which may need CRT approval. No objection to joinery workshop but should not imply retrospective consent for fuel sales, hireboat base or general boat or engine maintenance.
- Brookfield, Hay End Lane, Fradley: Erection of 70 dwellings and associated works (Outline: access and layout). The houses face the canal across access drives and a 3m landscaped buffer so the layout is acceptable, and the land falls away from the canal so conventional two storey houses would not be too conspicuous. There should be footpath connections to the towpath with towpath surface improvements. But objection in principle because all major canalside development of rural greenfield sites diminishes the amenity and tourism value of the canals with cumulative effects on their income. This site is not needed as the allocated 1250 dwellings for Fradley can be provided on the brownfield land of the old airfield site and the already approved site north of Hay End Lane, and is also premature as the new Local Plan has not yet been approved.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Local Plan Examination, Interim Findings by Inspector: The Sustainability Appraisal is inadequate and needs substantial revision, the Housing Need Assessment needs further justification, the Site Selection Process needs clarification and there should be a greater variety of smaller allocated sites. Consequently the next scheduled Hearing sessions in late November to December are postponed.
- Land adjacent to Pirelli factory, Derby Road, Stretton, Burton: Reserved Matters application for the erection of 300 dwellings including details of appearance, scale and layout (Revised layout and house types). Pleased that apartment block too close to the canal has been removed and overall layout made less regimented, but still no street scene elevations or landscaping plan or explanation of presumed drainage feature along the canal frontage. Further information needed before this application can properly be determined. [Email response].
- Barton Marina, Barton Turn, Barton under Needwood: Outline for residential development for up to 75 residential units with associated car parking, landscaping and amenity areas including details of access and layout. (No objection). Notice of Appeal against non-determination. No further comment.

Tamworth BC.

- Community Infrastructure Levy, Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule: Includes "Enhanced management, access and interpretation of Birmingham and Fazeley and Coventry Canals". Supported. [Email response].

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- 13 Amos Avenue, Nuneaton: Single storey extension to front, two storey extension and first floor balcony to rear. Site location plan on website unreadable; alternative supplied. No objection. [Email response].
- Former allotments north of The Bull Ring, Nuneaton: Erection of 54 dwellings. Adjacent to Star Line Boats at Boot Wharf. Housing layout and designs are acceptable in principle but object to major reduction in land area of the boatyard which will reduce vital facilities for boat maintenance and damage the boatyard business. Also concerned that the proposed noise reduction measures and noise fencing will not be sufficient to prevent complaints from new residents leading to further restrictions on the boatyard operations. Visual impact of 2.5m noise fencing hard to assess without detailed plans. Practicality of access for low-loaders carrying boats up to 70 ft not demonstrated. Should reduce housing area and reinstate more of the boatyard's land, with repositioned balancing pond and more space for screen planting.

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- Attended Working Group meeting at Measham 26/11/14: Vertical alignment of amended route around Lichfield expected to be fixed next week; Agreed to form a Cappers Lane working group of LHCRT, LCC, CRT & IWA reps to work with HS2 Ltd on a canal diversion solution. CRT will draw up a technical specification for new canal construction; Fradley to Crewe route Safeguarding plans issued before any summary of responses to Phase 2 consultation. IWA will liaise with CRT on comments to Safeguarding consultation.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- Cross Green Caravan, Old Stafford Road, Cross Green: Proposed replacement of existing caravans for one new Park Home caravan. (No objection). Approved.
- Land off Gravelly Way, Four Ashes: Delete Conditions 3 requiring prior submission of a landscape and biodiversity plan. (Objection). Approved.

Cannock Chase DC.

- ATS Euromaster, Mill Lane, Rugeley: Demolition of MOT building and construction of extension and alterations to existing repair centre (Amended plans). (No objection). Granted, conditional on no outside storage, as we requested.

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Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

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