

IWA LICHFIELD BRANCH - PLANNING SUMMARY
NOTES ON MATTERS DEALT WITH BETWEEN 12/12/2017 & 9/1/2018

Staffordshire County Council.

- Lichfield Southern Bypass (Final Phase) Land between Birmingham Road and London Road, Lichfield: *Proposed construction of a railway bridge and 53m of new carriageway to link with an approved distributor road to create the final phase of the Lichfield Southern Bypass. This includes temporary working space either side of the railway line and a temporary haul road along the line of the planned distributor road.* Adjacent to Lichfield Canal restoration route and bridge construction area overlaps with area needed for simultaneous construction of canal tunnel under railway. Needs close co-ordination and co-operation between the two projects design and construction requirements. [Letter].

South Staffordshire DC.

- Site Allocations Document Examination: Consultation on documents submitted during Hearing sessions. No comment.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Land adjacent Old Brewery, 155 Armitage Road, Rugeley: *Residential development; erection of one 3 bed house and one 4 bed house.* Derelict land between canal and road opposite Ravenhill Park. Designs acceptable. No objection subject to appropriate landscaping. [Email response].

- 153 Armitage Road, Rugeley: *Residential development: creation of 1 new dwelling.* Away from canal. No objection. [Email response].

Lichfield DC.

- Lichfield City Neighbourhood Plan: Notice of decision to proceed to referendum, subject to modifications. These include an action that the Cricket Lane development should not prejudice the re-instatement of the Lichfield Canal.

- Land North West of Broad Lane, Huddlesford: *Construction of 139 two, three and four bedroom timber clad holiday and leisure lodges, layout and construction of internal site roads and parking areas, creation of play areas and internal footpaths, layout and creation of two balancing ponds, construction of a reception building with meeting space, office, fitness suite, toilets and bike hire and laying out of 2.5ha greenspace for nature conservation and leisure, including nature trail and dog walk, extensive tree planting and creation of species rich flower meadow.* Amended plans. Previously reduced to 118 units. Further minor layout change does not alter previous concerns and objections. [Email response].

- Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan: Submission 2018 consultation. Revised following withdrawal of previous version in 2016. Includes policies on protection and enhancement of the canalside environment and protection of a Local Green Space alongside the canal and river Trent north of Dark Lane. [Response Form].

North Warwickshire BC.

- Land 160 metres north east of Grange Road, Hartshill: *Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use incorporating ancillary buildings and vehicle hardstanding.* No objection, subject to storage container sited further back from canal or screen planting. [Online response].

- Land adjacent 109 Grendon Road, Polesworth: *Erection of a single storey dwelling with associated access, parking and turning area.* Allotments on edge of built up area. Part of allocated site in Draft Local Plan. Bungalow set back from canal. No objection. [Online response].

- Draft Submission Local Plan: Still includes from the Draft Plan the very large new housing site in open countryside off Whittington Lane, Atherstone that we objected to. This extends along both sides of the Coventry Canal for over half a mile from the railway bridge below Baddesley Basin down to near Lock 10, and includes Locks 8 & 9 and Whittington Road Bridge 46 which are all Listed buildings. The long pound between Locks 9 & 10 is a popular mooring for its attractive and tranquil countryside setting. Development would damage the heritage, wildlife, amenity, recreational use, tourism and economy of the canal. It would be scenically intrusive, create urban sprawl, unsustainable loss of agricultural land and discourage re-use of brownfield sites in the conurbation. The site is poorly situated in relation to Atherstone and would require major new roads including one or more bridges over the canal. Housing allocation is excessive and should not cater for so much Coventry and Birmingham overspill. Removal of this site would still leave allocated sites sufficient to meet the local housing requirements. However, if the site goes ahead it should include a broad buffer zone along both sides of the canal forming a corridor of open space, parkland, woodland, sports fields, play areas and informal recreation space. [Response form].

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Cannock Chase DC.

- Granurite Ltd & Rugeley Tyre Service, Bostons Industrial Estate, Power Station Road, Rugeley: *Demolition of 2 existing employment buildings and the erection of 2 buildings to form 20 light industrial units with associated parking and landscaping.* (Objections). Granted subject to boundary and landscaping details.

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South Staffordshire DC.

- District Design Guide & Sustainable Development SPDs: No comments necessary.
- West Midlands Rail Freight Interchange, Stage 2a consultation: 2 minor changes including extension to Calf Heath Community Park, away from canal but possibly allowing space for more screen mounding. IWA was not informed about this consultation in November, but should be notified about any further consultations. [Email comment].
- Site Allocations Document, Main Modifications: Consultation on main and minor modifications following the Examination. The Minor Mods include the previously agreed corrections to the Hatherton Canal policy, text and maps except for 2 which are listed in the schedule but not shown in the modified SAD. Requested these errors be corrected. [Email response].
- Otherton Boat Haven, Otherton Lane, Penkridge: *Demolition of existing part temporary and part permanent structures and replacement with a new permanent building*: Discharge of Conditions on 2015 consent. Change brickwork to vertical timber boarding on dwarf brick walls. Not consulted. (No objection).

Cannock Chase DC.

- Norton Canes Neighbourhood Area Designation: Notice that Parish Council area has been designated.

Walsall MBC.

- Former Cerro EMS Ltd, Goscote Lane, Bloxwich: *A hybrid planning application comprising: An outline application for the construction of up to 263 dwellings with associated garden areas, minor estate roads, parking areas and driveways, along with public open space provision and all other associated works; A full planning application for three new points of access, main estate roads through the site, as identified on the submitted plans, and for the site infrastructure drainage strategy. A derelict industrial site. Plan shows linear parkland along canal frontage. Supported in principle. [Email response].*
- 66 Lichfield Road, Pelsall: *Detached garage to front of property*. No comment.

Lichfield DC.

- Land adjacent to Canal, Gorse Lane, Fradley: *Creation of balancing pond with associated landscaping*. Wider than previously proposed swale which would limit the space for canalside landscaping and public access. Presumably intended to replace the approved balancing pond west of Gorse Lane but no explanation or justification provided. Not clear if a permanent pond or not but sides slopes of 1 in 3 would be dangerous. Would destroy existing trees and shrubs without offering any replacement planting. No replacement drainage study or landscape strategy provided, which is not acceptable. Objection. [Email response].
- Tolson Mill, Lichfield Street, Fazeley: *Retention and conversion of Tolson's Mill to form 51 apartments, retention of other buildings to form 11 townhouses and demolition of other buildings and erection of 30 houses and 18 apartments with revised access and associated works*. Preserves the historic mill buildings alongside Birmingham & Fazeley Canal. A minor single storey link building on the canal frontage will be removed opening up a view into the site. Supported. [Email response].
- Midland Pig Producers Ltd, Hay End Lane, Fradley: *Outline application for a mixed use development comprising of 184 residential dwellings including self-build properties and independent living, 122 care and assisted living dwellings, and the creation of a 3,260 sq m neighbourhood centre, including retail units and a garden centre, restaurant, gym and medical facilities, with associated works (outline: all matters reserved except access)*. The 'pig farm' site between Hay End Lane and the Coventry Canal, mostly on green fields extending for half a mile from New Bridge to the Brookfield site by Fradley Bridge. It would damage the rural environment of the canal, its heritage, amenity and economic value. Plans amended to include 10m wide landscape buffer zone along canal, with 3 storey Care Home buildings 'stepped back' to limit visual impact. Several links with towpath proposed, and traffic signals on New Bridge. But housing still closer to canal than on the Airfield site opposite. The site is not designated in the Local Plan and is outside the Village Settlement Boundary and should be refused. [Letter].
- 77 Tuppenhurst Lane, Handsacre: *Erection of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling and associated works and creation of parking area for existing dwelling*. Design acceptable but closer to canal than any existing houses or those proposed on the Hayes Meadow site. Would appear intrusive into the Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area. Objection. [Email response].
- Brookhay Cottage, Brookhay Lane, Lichfield: *Single storey rear extension to form kitchen / family room and creation of balcony at first floor (amendment to 2016 application)*. Its traditional appearance from the canal has already been damaged and the larger extension now proposed will not significantly increase this. [Email response].

Tamworth BC.

- Land south of A5, Tamworth: *Hybrid Application; Full for the construction of car showroom with associated sales facility, car repairs, MOT, storage and valet facility with associated infrastructure, parking, access and landscaping; Outline for approximately 7 units, 2 car dealerships and 2 drive-thru restaurants with associated access, servicing, landscaping and parking*. Car showroom away from canal so no objection. Outline plan for the remainder of the site has a very large unit unnecessarily close to the canal which should be moved away behind the associated parking. [Email response].
- Local List consultation & review: Includes Glascoate Top Lock Cottage and Bottom Lock Cottage, although not the associated locks which we suggested including. Proposed addition of 2 sections of brick canal towpath walls at Glascoate Locks supported. [Email response].

North Warwickshire BC.

- Tarmac Bagging Yard, Nuneaton Road, Hartshill: *Variation of Condition of planning permission relating to allow extended plant operating hours; in respect of change of use to aggregate bagging depot including erection of hoppers and material bays*. Notice of Appeal against Refusal.

- Land south of Gardeners Cottage, Pooley Lane, Polesworth: *Outline application (access only) for the residential development of up to 40 dwellings*. Identical to 2016 application which was refused, and refused again on Appeal. Wooded area adjoining canal retained as landscaped buffer but development prominently visible up the hillside above. Built development in open countryside diminishes attractiveness of canal for recreation and tourism. Not allocated in Local Plan, outside development boundary for Polesworth, and within 'Meaningful Gap' intended to maintain separation from Tamworth. Should again be refused. [Email response].
- Land 160 metres north east of Grange Road, Hartshill: *Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian use incorporating ancillary buildings and vehicle hardstanding*. Amended plans. Additional stable block by canal but steel storage container moved away from canal as requested. No further comment.
- Draft Submission Local Plan: Notice of extension of consultation period and publication of additional documents, including an Assessment of the Meaningful Gap and an Archaeology Assessment.

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Judkins, Tuttle Hill: *Erection of up to 400 dwellings, local centre comprising retail/leisure uses, alterations to vehicular access (Outline)*. Pre-application consultation. Derelict quarry site on both sides of canal. An opportunity to improve the canal environment. Plans show a green corridor along the canal. Housing preferable to industrial units, and re-use of brownfield sites preferable to countryside developments. Height of houses closest to canal should be limited and largely screened by reinforced planting. Appearance of existing bridge should be improved. Canalside pub proposed at south end of site. Should include short term visitor moorings and improved access to towpath. Supported in principle. [Email response].
- Site 39A012, Tuttle Hill, Nuneaton: *Demolition of existing Ratcliffe and Red Ruby buildings and erection of a new 78 bedroom care home in one three storey block*. Large building but set away from canal. No objection. [Online comment].

Leicestershire County Council.

- Strategic Growth Plan for Leicester & Leicestershire: Consultation Draft. No comment.

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Attended HS2 Waterways Working Group at Measham on 11 January and produced notes of meeting.
- Phase 2a Bill given second reading on 30 Jan triggering petition period to 26 Feb.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Cannock Chase DC.

- Brindley Bank Pumping Station, Wolseley Road, Rugeley: *Listed building application for various alterations to building including demolition of single storey building*. (Supported). Granted.
- ATS Euromaster Rugeley, Mill Lane, Rugeley: *Demolition of existing stand-alone MOT building and erection of new extension to remaining depot together with alteration and refurbishment works*. (Objection). Approved, subject to landscaping and maintenance of overgrown area to rear, and the boundary being a dwarf brick wall with railings, as we requested.

Lichfield DC.

- Land adjacent The Crown Inn, Uttoxeter Road, Handsacre: *Outline for erection of up to 88 dwellings, commercial/community unit of 80 square metres and associated works; all matters reserved except means of access*. (Objection). Appeal against refusal is Dismissed, for reasons including breaching the northern boundary of the village along the canal and impact on the landscape and the T&M Canal Conservation Area.

East Staffordshire BC.

- 1 Wharf Houses, Barton Turn: *Formation of stone steps to main entrance, alteration to boundary wall and formation of hardstanding, conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form triple garage, art studio, workshop and storage including the installation of two flues and associated external works*. (Objection). Revised plans with smaller and better proportioned windows in canal elevation of garage building, as we requested. Approved.

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South Staffordshire DC.

- 30 Kings Road, Calf Heath: *Remove conditions on access, turning areas, and visibility splay of 2014 consent. / Rear extension to existing games room*. (2 applications). No effect on canal. No comments.
- West Midlands Interchange: Attended meeting with developers at Lichfield on 8 March along with Freddie Cooke of Staffs & Worcs Canal Society to discuss latest plans prior to application and request further improvements to canal mitigation measures.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Local Plan update: Due to Government changes to the planning system, stopped work on Local Plan Part 2 and will instead review the Local Plan as a whole, with consultation events in the Summer.

Walsall MBC.

- Examination Modifications consultation: Main and minor modifications to Site Allocations Document. All changes to Canals Policy including references to Hatherton Canal restoration made as agreed at Examination hearing and subsequently. No need for any further representation.
- Black Country Core Strategy Review: Representations to be published mid-March.

Greater Birmingham.

- Greater Birmingham & Black Country Housing Market Area Strategic Growth Study: Includes Birmingham, Walsall, South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, Lichfield, Tamworth, North Warwickshire, etc. Study of housing demand, capacity and shortfall, and considers possible major developments, new settlements, urban extensions and Green Belt sites. Recommends 4 urban extensions for detailed consideration including North of Penkridge, North of Tamworth, and East of Lichfield. Only the later may affect a canal, but no detailed boundaries are identified. Not a consultation.

Lichfield DC.

- Local Plan Allocations (Focused Changes): Lichfield Canal policy still doesn't include a requirement for adjacent developments to provide the essential infrastructure [Representation Form]. Also HS2 route still wrong on Policies Map.
- Deanslade Park Project, Land south of Falkland Road, Lichfield: *Hybrid Planning Application...* (Housing site) and Land on the east side of Birmingham Road, Lichfield: *Outline application...* (Commercial site). Additional information including a 'Canal Clarification Note'. Still claims that it will not prejudice delivery of the canal and no canal related infrastructure need be provided by the applicants. This is contrary to the Local Plan Strategy and Allocations and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which together require the provision of a road bridge over the canal and canal channel works with their integration into the open space and green infrastructure network. The housing site boundary should be extended to include the canal route and a bridge at Claypit Lane and canal channel earthworks provided. The commercial site should provide an open cutting for the canal across the site, with appropriate public access, and the car park over the canal route removed. Unless this is done the applications should be refused. [Letter]. / Corresponded with LHCRT and received copy of their response.
- Chasewater Country Park, Pool Lane, Burntwood: *Continued operation of straight line cable tow and associated wakeboarding facilities.* Renewal of 2013 consent. No objection. [Email response].
- Armitage with Handsacre Neighbourhood Plan: Several references to protecting the T&M Canal and its Conservation Area, improving links with village, and maximising opportunities from canal based tourism. Also supports the canal forming the northern boundary to the village. No comment necessary.
- Consultation database registration: Separate systems for development plans and planning applications. Already registered.
- 4 Jordan Croft, Fradley: *Single storey extension to side and rear to form conservatory and extend kitchen and dining area; replacement of existing flat roof with monopitch roof, and new timber cladding to exterior walls.* Metal roof panels and wall cladding look more like a factory than a house. Extensive glazing on canal elevation out of keeping with neighbouring properties and visually unattractive. Objection. [Email response].

Tamworth BC.

- 3 Doriscroft, Dog Lane, Amington, Tamworth: *Detached remote Granny Annex located in rear garden. Resubmission of previous application.* Relocated further back from canal as we requested. No further objection. [Email comment].

North Warwickshire BC.

- Land north of Grendon Road, Polesworth: *Erection of 44 dwellings with landscaping, access and associated works.* Amended plans. Reduced to 37 houses, all now set back, facing canal and limited to 2 storeys, as we requested. Application still premature as site allocation in Draft Local Plan not yet adopted, but layout and design acceptable. [Email response].

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Trinity Marina, Coventry Road, Hinckley: *Mixed use development including up to 90 residential dwellings (72 flats and 9 houses), toilet/shower facilities, convenience shop, offices/storage, conversion of marina office into visitor centre (boat hire and gift shop) and associated landscaping and infrastructure (outline - access, landscaping, layout and scale only).* Housing mostly on the field at the far end of the marina basin. 2 storey canalside apartment blocks behind a 10m wide landscaped open space corridor with a canalside swale. New marina facilities, office and shop building. No objection in principle but canalside swale should be removed to retain more of the existing trees and shrubs and give more space for new planting to better screen the new buildings. [Email comment].
- Land adjacent The Wharf, Fenn Lanes, Dadlington: *Fish farm comprising the construction of fish breeding and stocking pools and the erection of an associated fish rearing and storage building.* No objection [Online response].

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Local Plan Partial Review: Questions about extent of review. No comment, but asked to be kept informed.

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Wrote and submitted IWA's Petition on the Phase 2A Bill to the Commons Select Committee, concerning noise mitigation at canal interfaces in general and at Fradley Junction and Great Haywood in particular.
- Planning Context Report for Lichfield reissued with corrected route description, following our complaint.
- Notification of Select Committee programme with petitioner hearings from 16 April to 20 July. Includes King's Bromley viaduct lowering as a major in-principle case.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Staffordshire County Council.

- Cranebrook Quarry, A5 Watling Street, Muckley Corner: *Eastern extension of sand quarry with associated importation of inert materials for restoration purposes and the sustainable recycling of construction and demolition waste. The site will include a landform and water body which is designed to promote biodiversity under agricultural management and would allow its use in the future (subject to a separate planning application) as a marina with ancillary facilities linking into the regeneration of the Summerhill section of the Wyrley & Essington Canal.* (Supported). Granted, for 15 years, subject to measures to protect the stability of the embankment adjacent to the Lichfield Canal.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Curdworth Tunnel, Wishaw Lane, Curdworth. *Listed Building Consent for repair and replacement of the brick setts on the towpath in the tunnel. Replacement of 15 uprights on the handrail, clean and paint the whole handrail. Installation of steel plates between the uprights at either end of the tunnel to prevent flooding and overtopping from boat wash on the towpath.* (Supported). Granted.

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Walsall MBC.

- Black Country Core Strategy Review: Representations (Sept. 2017) acknowledged and available on website.

Lichfield DC.

- Deanslade Park, Land on the east side of Birmingham Road: Copy of letter from Keelys Solicitors to Senior Planning Officer criticising our and LHCRT's response to 'Canal Clarification Note' from Framptons. / Consulted LHCRT about response. / Received copy of LHCRT letter concerning their offers and developer's previous refusal of meetings. / Responded endorsing Trust letter, pointing out Keelys misinterpretation of the plans for the canal cutting, that the commercial development will have to be slightly smaller, and suggesting that the land could be transferred to the County in the short term. [Letter]. / Further advice to LHCRT about responding to 3 more letters from solicitors. / Met LHCRT on 8/4/2018 to discuss options and tactics.

- Midland Pig Producers Ltd, Hay End Lane, Fradley: *Outline application for a mixed use development comprising of 184 residential dwellings including self-build properties and independent living, 122 care and assisted living dwellings, and the creation of a 3,260 sq m neighbourhood centre, including retail units and a garden centre, restaurant, gym and medical facilities, with associated works (outline: all matters reserved except access).* (Objection). Additional document. No additional comments. [Email response].

- Land north of Dark Lane, Alrewas: *Residential development of 19 dwellings with associated access, parking, public open space and landscape works.* (No objection). Amended plans. No substantial objection, but previously included car parking area for moorers should be reinstated. [Email response].

East Staffordshire BC.

- Lawns Farm, Branston Road, Tatenhill: *Reserved matters application relating to 2012 consent for the erection of 201 dwellings including details of appearance, landscape, layout, scale and means of access.* The first part of the approved 2500 houses. Acceptable layout and design, and away from canal so no objection. But concerned about the height of proposed commercial development alongside the canal and wish to be consulted on this when further details available. [Email response].

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Caldwell Caravan Site, Bradestone Road, Nuneaton: *Change of use of land to caravan site (extension to existing site).* Visible from Coventry Canal to the south across the Griff Brook valley. Air photos show extensive tree cover but application claims no trees on site. Layout plan shows neither retained trees nor any new planting. Should be retention or replanting of landscaped buffer zone along southern edge of site to screen it from the canal. Objection. [Email comment].

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Phase 2a Additional Provision, AP Environmental Statement and Supplementary Environmental Statement: AP includes changes to a viaduct near Stone, and numerous minor changes to construction compounds, haul roads, public roads and services diversions. SES mostly minor corrections and additional information. Nothing of significance affecting canal at Fradley or Kings Bromley, but a sewer diversion at Hoo Mill Lane taking 6 months may affect access to the canal.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- The Firs, Straight Mile, Calf Heath: *Convert existing office to separate dwelling and detached garage. Detached garage to The Firs (existing house). Demolish existing workshops and construct detached bungalow.* Outline application approved. (Not

consulted). Identical to approved 2015 application. Bungalow alongside Hatherton Canal but safeguarding not mentioned. Requested consultation at Reserved Matters stage on siting and design of bungalow. [Email comment]. / Alerted CRT who were also not consulted. / Received apology and promise of future consultation.

Lichfield DC.

- Brookhay Cottage, Brookhay Lane, Lichfield: *Single storey rear extension to form kitchen / family room and creation of balcony at first floor (amendment to 2016 application)*. (No objection). Approved.
- Kings Orchard Marina, Broad Lane, Huddlesford, Lichfield: *Prior Notification: Change of use from agricultural building to form a 3 bedroom dwelling*. (Not consulted). On access track to marina, away from canal. A corrugated iron cow shed! Refused.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Land to the south of Tatenhill Lane, Branston, Burton upon Trent: *Demolition of 78 and 80 Tatenhill Lane and erection of 55 dwellings including access/ highway infrastructure and all associated works*. Towpath access reinstated. (No objection). Approved.

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Stafford BC.

- St Thomas Bridge, Baswich Lane, Baswich, Stafford: *Works are required to strengthen St Thomas Bridge so that it is fit for purpose. Works will involve the removal of the original backfill of the arch and then replacement with a reinforced concrete slab which is better able to take the load. The retained brick arch will be tied to the RC slab, and then a new road surface applied. The bridge will look the same but will be structurally much stronger*. Listed Building Consent Application by CRT. Work will require closure of the road and the canal and towpath but necessary to repair the bridge and secure its long term stability and conservation. Supported, subject to timing of work being arranged to minimise closures. [Email comment].

South Staffordshire DC.

- The Firs, Straight Mile, Calf Heath: Reserved Matters; including new access, new bungalow and garages, layout, proposed landscaping and boundary treatment. On offside of Hatherton Canal. (Not consulted – again!) ‘Sketch’ plans show 2 storey building instead of bungalow and other changes from Outline consent. Most of canalside trees to be retained with additional planting, which should be at least 2 metres back from canal boundary. Should consider setting building further back to minimise any conflict with and disruption from future canal restoration work. [Email comment].
- Land off Cherrybrook Drive, Penkridge: *Outline planning application for the erection of up to 100 dwellings with associated vehicular access and other enabling works. All other matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved*. Field on northern edge of village between canal and M6. Illustrative Plan shows retention of canalside trees with open space buffer zone. But ‘safeguarded land’ not yet allocated for housing so application premature and should be refused. [Email response].
- Local Plan, Site Allocations Document: Inspector’s report received and plan found to be sound. Previously agreed corrections to Hatherton Canal Restoration policy and text noted.

Walsall MBC.

- Former British Lion Works, Forest Lane, Blakenall, Walsall: *Demolition of existing buildings, construction of 18 dwellings with associated access road and parking*. (No objection). Amended plans. No change to canalside housing. No comment.
- 6 Primrose Close, Pelsall: *Ground floor front, two storey side and rear and single storey rear extension*. No objection. [Online response].
- 92 Abbots Street, Bloxwich: Single storey rear extension. No objection. [Online response].
- Site of former 105 to 123 Walsall Road, Walsall Wood: Variation of conditions of approval on appeal for change of use to car hire business. Includes details of canal boundary fencing. No objection. [Online response].

Lichfield DC.

- Waters Edge, School Lane, Hopwas: *Single storey rear extension creating an open plan kitchen/dining/seating area*. No objection. [Email response].
- Deanslade Park, Land on the east side of Birmingham Road: Further consultation on letter from Keelys following meeting of all parties about the canal tunnel. Welcome new willingness to consider a canal cutting across the commercial site but removal of proposed car park from safeguarded canal line should be a condition of any outline consent. [Email response]. / Further correspondence with LHCRT about their response.
- Lichfield City Neighbourhood Plan: Notice that plan is now ‘Made’. Previous reference to the restored canal at Cricket Lane SDA replaced by a ‘Non-Policy Action’ to ensure “development would not prejudice the reinstatement of the Lichfield Canal”.

Tamworth BC.

- Local Development Documents: Consultation on Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Regulation 123 List, Planning Obligations SPD. IDP mentions canal corridor and towpath improvements from developer contributions to CRT. No comment.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Local Plan: Notice of Submission. No change from Draft Submission allocation of 1282 houses at Whittington Lane in countryside surrounding Atherstone Locks from just below Lock 7 to just above Lock 10.

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- HS2 evidence to Phase 2a Select Committee on Kings Bromley Viaduct showing height can be reduced by 3.5m with cost reduction of £3.3m. / Assurance given that this change will be made. / Contributed information for press release welcoming this response to IWA's petition.
- Plans of HS2 Construction Traffic Routes with daily movements published.
- Attended HS2 Waterways Working Group at Measham on 14 May and produced notes of meeting.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Stafford BC.

- Canalside Farm, Mill Lane, Great Haywood: *Change of use of existing pack room and workshop to part of farm shop; external alterations to farm shop; additional car parking, remove or relocate polytunnels; extend range of goods to be sold in shop.* Amended to remove change of use of existing glasshouse to retail. (Supported). Allowed.

Tamworth BC.

- 3 Doriscroft, Dog Lane, Amington, Tamworth: *Detached remote Granny Annex located in rear garden. Resubmission of previous application.* (No objection). Approved; not to be used as a separate dwelling.

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Government

- National Planning Policy Framework: Update of 2012 original. Generally improved clarity of wording, subtitling and sequencing. However, the requirement to review plans at least once every 5 years and to complete reviews no later than 5 years from adoption is excessive, will result in almost continuous reviews with lack of planning policy certainty and stability, further disengagement of public involvement, and provide yet more loopholes for unscrupulous developers to exploit. It is already resulting in a spate of new local plan consultations, with new plans being started before existing ones have even completed their final stages.

Stafford BC.

- Casey Cottage, The Casey, Sandon: *Proposed demolition of outbuilding and rebuild to form ancillary living accommodation.* On Salt Bridge Lane. Away from canal. No objection. [Email response].
- 16 Meadowbank Avenue, Weston: *Fell alders within Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area.* 2 trees at end of garden. No comment.
- New Local Plan consultations: Draft Statement of Community Involvement, and Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Draft Methodology. SCI appendices of consultation bodies should include IWA. [Email response].
- The Saltings, Baswich Lane, Stafford: *Continued use of land as mobile home site.* Near St Thomas Bridge. Recommended further temporary consent for 5 years. Not consulted but no objection. No comment. / Since allowed.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Land adjacent Old Brewery, 155 Armitage Road, Rugeley: *Residential development; erection of one 3 bed house and one 4 bed house.* (No objection subject to appropriate landscaping). Sent Heritage Impact Assessment. No further comment.
- Cannock Chase Local Plan: Consultations on Issues & Scope document, Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, and Statement of Community Involvement. Issues & Scope includes several positive references to canals including safeguarding a specific route for the Hatherton Canal. SCI includes no list of consultation bodies but commitment to continue existing consultations, so no comment needed. / Attended drop-in session at Brereton 17 July.
- 1 Regency Court, Rugeley: *Construction of 2 bedroom chalet bungalow.* Narrow site between canal and Armitage Road. Acceptable design and landscaping. No objection. [Email comment].

Walsall MBC.

- 2A Middleton Road, Brownhills: *Proposed development is for 9 new dwellings comprising 4 x 1 bed maisonettes, 4 x 2 bed semi-detached and 1 x 3 bed detached (including all associated infrastructure).* 3 previous applications, for 2 new houses, then 1, then 8. Designs acceptable but concerned as before about proximity of houses to edge of steep slope down to canal. The slope could be unstable, there are no details of landscaping or fencing, and concerned that construction spoil or residents garden waste could end up in the canal. Should be an agreement with CRT on access, landscaping and maintenance of the canal bank. [Email response].

- Unit E2, Westpoint, Middlemore Lane West, Aldridge: *Change of use from storage yard to waste transfer station and recycling centre.* Well screened by trees along Daw End Canal. No comment.
- 39 Lonsdale Road, Walsall: *Single storey side extension with ramped access to front and rear of the house.* Well away from canal. No comment.
- 54 Norman Road, Walsall: *Replacement 5 bedroom house.* No objection. [Online response].
- Revised Statement of Community Involvement consultation: For Planning Applications, the Non-statutory consultees should include Voluntary, Community and Interest Groups. [Email response].
- Goscote Greenacres, Goscote Adult Training Centre, Goscote Lane, Bloxwich: *Change of use to a community garden, retention of 25 raised beds, 2 polytunnels, site office and farm shop.* Set back from canal. No objection. [Online response].

Birmingham CC.

- Land adjoining 'Kimal', Old Kingsbury Road, Minworth, Sutton Coldfield: *Erection of 2 dwelling houses with associated access, parking and garage.* Below Minworth Bottom Lock. No objection. [Online comment].
- Peddimore Site, Wishaw Lane, Sutton Coldfield: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report. Refers to noise and visual impacts on Birmingham & Fazeley Canal and moorings west of Cuttle Bridge. No comment.

Lichfield DC.

- 4 Jordan Croft, Fradley: *Single storey extension to side and rear to form conservatory and extend kitchen and dining area; replacement of existing flat roof with monopitch roof, and new timber cladding to exterior walls.* Metal roof panels and wall cladding look more like a factory than a house. (Objection). / Amended plans. Glazed extension towards canal removed, but with metal roof panels and timber wall cladding its appearance is still more industrial or agricultural than domestic. Objection maintained. [Email response]. / Description changed to: *Replacement of existing flat roof with monopitch roof, and new timber cladding to exterior walls.* Since Approved.
- Local Plan Review; Scope, Issues & Options: Attended exhibition in Lichfield 17 May. / Representations: Strategy policy Lichfield 6 and/or Allocations Policy IP2 Lichfield Canal should be amended to include requirement for adjacent developments to provide necessary infrastructure. Correct route of Lichfield Canal on maps, and route of HS2 at Wood End. Canals provide recreational and tourism benefits. Correct description of canal network and Lichfield Canal project. [Letter].
- Fradley Neighbourhood Plan: Submission stage consultation. Made representations on errors in the description and history of Fradley Junction, and identification of towpaths as Movement Routes that should receive developer funded improvements. [Response Forms].
- Midland Pig Producers Ltd, Hay End Lane, Fradley: *Outline application for a mixed use development comprising of 184 residential dwellings including self-build properties and independent living, 122 care and assisted living dwellings, and the creation of a 2,699 sq m neighbourhood centre, including a retail unit, public house/café, gym, medical facilities and day nurse with associated works (outline: all matters reserved except access).* (Objection). Amended description and plans; mainly changes to commercial uses. No change to our previous comments. [Email response].
- Deanslade Park, Land on the east of Birmingham Road: Further advice to LHCRRT about lobbying councillors. / Attended planning committee meeting. / Correspondence with IWA Hon Planning Consultant.
- Kingfisher Holiday Park, Fradley Junction: Installation of 33 static holiday caravans with associated works. Away from canal and well screened by trees. No objection, but should be conditional on use of the rear access to avoid increased traffic along the canal towpath. Access from canal should be gated off to prevent use except for emergencies. [Email comment].
- Local Plan Allocations: Notice of submission. No change to Lichfield Canal Policy from Focused Changes consultation. / Received Guidance Notes for hearings from Programme Officer. Confirmed wish to participate in Hearings on Lichfield Canal policy. [Email response].
- The Swan Inn, Fradley Junction: Replacement signage (Listed Building Consent). No comment. / Since approved.
- Land at Fradley Park, Halifax Avenue, Fradley: *Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 368 dwellings within phases 2, 3 and 4 of outline approval.* Mostly two storey houses, set back from canal. No comment.
- Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan: Notice of decision to proceed to referendum, subject to modifications.
- Land adjacent Birmingham Road and Falkland Road roundabout, Lichfield: *Creation of a tunnel through/under the railway embankment for navigation by narrowboats and creation of stairway, pedestrian and cycle way alongside the navigable channel.* LHCRRT application for canal tunnel under railway. Fully supported. [Letter].
- Rugeley Power Station, Armitage Road, Rugeley: *Demolition of Rugeley B Power Station including decommissioning, removal of hazardous materials and dismantling of all associated buildings and structures.* No objection in principle but should retain railway track connection pending decisions on future employment use of the site. Requested consultation on future proposals for redevelopment. [Email response].
- Land adjacent Hayes Meadow Primary School, Spode Avenue, Handsacre: *Removal of Condition of Outline consent relating to the Master Plan.* Technical arguments about necessity for condition. No comment.
- The Red Lion, Lichfield Road, Hopwas: *Single storey extension to rear with pitched roof to form new lounge area, and installation of access ramp to main entrance.* No objection. [Online response].

Tamworth BC.

- Land at Dunstall Farm, Tamworth: *Access road from Ventura Park/Meadow Road roundabout.* No comment.
- Land at Dunstall Farm, Tamworth: *Reserved Matters application for earthworks/engineering operations associated with remodelling the existing flood plain in relation to previous permission (for housing).* No comment.
- Land at Dunstall Farm, Tamworth: *Reserved Matters application for the erection of 405 residential units forming the first phase, including associated roads/driveways, landscaping and play areas.* Phase 1 is away from canal. No comment.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Dunton Wharf, Lichfield Road, Curdworth: *Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 3 buildings to provide offices, training/classrooms and industrial unit to facilitate the use of site for storage and ancillary digger driving school.* Existing haulage yard warehouse and offices to be replaced by smaller buildings. Site currently not screened from canal so should be conditional on landscaped screening, with earth bund and reinstated towpath hedge. Digger training presumably involves excavating materials but no indication of where this will take place. Several other questions also asked. [Email comments]. / Planning Officer will ask the agent for a response to our questions. / Received copy of CRT comments.
- Oak Tree Farm, Quarry Lane, Mancetter: *Erection of a two bedroom bungalow.* Replacement for residential narrowboat due to personal disability. Bungalow very close to offside of canal. (Not consulted). Application now Withdrawn.
- Land south of Gardeners Cottage, Pooley Lane, Polesworth: *Outline application (access only) for the residential development of up to 40 dwellings.* (Objection). Notice of Appeal against refusal. (An identical application in 2016 was also refused, and refused again on Appeal). Original comments forwarded to Planning Inspectorate. No further comment.
- Local Plan: Information from Programme Officer on Examination documents and dates. Confirmed attendance on 25-27 September to hear evidence on housing need and distribution of development, and wish to attend later hearing about conservation and enjoyment of historic environment of canal system. [Email response].

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Site 39a002 - Tuttle Hill, Nuneaton: *Residential development of up to 400 dwellings with associated access, landscaping, open space and two bridges over the Coventry Canal (Outline to include access).* / *New local centre to include retail, hotel, coffee shop, doctors surgery, pub and 18 apartments at first and second floor levels (Outline).* (2 applications). Derelict quarry on both sides of canal. An opportunity to improve the canal environment. Housing preferable to industrial units, and re-use of brownfield sites preferable to countryside developments. Height of houses closest to canal should be limited and largely screened by reinforced planting. Canal cutting sides should be cleared of quarry waste and debris, landscaped and replanted as appropriate, with agreement of CRT. Landscape plan shows narrower green corridor along canal than the pre-application plan, and wider corridor needed to protect the canal. Replacement of existing unattractive bridges would be beneficial. Canalside pub at south end of site should include improved towpath access and visitor moorings. Supported in principle. [Email response].
- 265 Greenmoor Road, Nuneaton: *Conservatory to rear.* Set well back from canal. No comment.
- 10 Beaumont Place, Nuneaton: *Erection of detached dwelling; outline including layout and access.* No objection. [Online comment].
- Site 39A012, Tuttle Hill, Nuneaton: *Demolition of existing Ratcliffe and Red Ruby buildings and erection of a new 78 bedroom care home in one three storey block.* (No objection). Amended plans. Minor changes. No further comment.

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Trinity Marina, Coventry Road, Hinckley: *Mixed use development 82 'retirement living' apartments, marina facilities (toilet/shower/bath facilities, café, shop, launderette and marina offices/storage) and provision of landscaped open space and play area (outline - access, landscaping, layout and scale only).* Amended description and revised plans. Canalside swale removed to allow retention of existing vegetation, as we requested. Marina facilities building will provide improved services for users. Changes welcomed. No objection, subject to further consultation on detailed design of canalside apartments and landscaping at Reserved Matters stage. [Email response].
- Basin Bridge Farm, Basin Bridge Lane, Stoke Golding: *Variation of condition of 2016 planning consent to allow the solar farm to operate for 40 years.* Currently limited to 25 years. No objection. [Online response].
- Basin Bridge Bungalow, Hinckley Lane, Higham on the Hill: *Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement two-storey two-bedroom dwelling.* (No objection). Notice of Appeal against refusal. No further comment.

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Local Plan consultations: Revised Statement of Community Involvement, Strategic Housing and Economic Development Availability Assessment Call for Sites, and Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document Call for Sites. In SCI should add IWA to appendices for Plan Making, General Consultation Bodies and Managing Development, Non-Statutory Consultees. Correct BW to CRT. [Online response].
- Secura Labels, 50-56 Measham Road, Moira: *Variations of Conditions of Outline consent to amend the site layout including provision of a turning head.* No objections. [Email response].

Canal & River Trust.

- Attended half-yearly Planning co-ordination meeting in Birmingham on 4 June.

Natural England.

- Cannock Extension Canal SAC, Conservation Objectives draft Supplementary Advice: (Not consulted). Commented on need for dredging to remove sediments causing turbidity, rather than any unnecessary controls on boat movements, which are already exceptionally low; also various errors and irrelevant statements not applicable to this canal. [Letter].

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Wrote to Balfour Beatty Vinci about consultation on the review of the Wood End Lane diversion. / Received invitation to next HS2/CRT Liaison Meeting and papers from their previous meeting.
- Wrote to National Trust (twice) about participation in the HS2 Group set up to advise on the Great Haywood viaduct design.
- Wrote (again) to Commons Private Bill Office about a date for IWA's petition hearing. / Reply that provisional date is 9 July.
- Attended meeting in Birmingham on 3 July with national chairman to discuss IWA petition with HS2 Petition Manager and Noise Policy Team member. / Received letter from Director of Hybrid Bill Delivery repeating their misconceptions about the 'transitory' use of moorings. / Replied explaining why they are wrong and why improved noise mitigation is needed.

- Presented IWA petition to HS2 Commons Select Committee hearing at Westminster on evening of 9 July, concerning noise mitigation at canal crossings and interfaces. Received a reasonably sympathetic hearing lasting 53 minutes.
- Attended HS2/CRT Liaison Meeting in Birmingham on 10 July with Phase 1 contractors BBV (Balfour Beatty Vinci) to discuss latest plans for canal crossings at Saltley Viaduct (Birmingham & Warwick Junction), Curzon Street (Digbeth Branch), Longhole Bridge (Grand Union), Curdworth (Birmingham & Fazeley), Cappers Lane (Lichfield), Fradley Junction (Trent & Mersey) and the Wood End Lane diversion. BBV are working on an alternative alignment for Wood End Lane that would avoid the embankment near the canal. They are aware of the urgency of agreeing plans and constructing replacement moorings for Lichfield Cruising Club before starting work at Cappers Lane. Proposed widening new canal channel at Cappers Lane to form winding basin - subsequently discussed with LHCRT. / Received copies of presentation and minutes. Commented on various matters [Email notes].
- Attended HS2 Phase 2B Information Event at Measham on 12 July to see and discuss latest plans affecting Ashby Canal restoration and Coventry Canal at Polesworth. / Wrote to HS2 Senior Engagement Manager giving minimum dimensions for canal underbridge; asking for agreement to compensation payment to fund canal reconstruction through housing site; reminding them of the Design Manual for Roads & Bridges obligation to provide canal bridge under realigned A42; and supporting alternative alignment at Measham that would avoid the housing site but still require two canal crossing bridges. / Received a moderately encouraging response promising to consider the compensation and bridge requirement points, and confirming that the alternative route is being reviewed by the Secretary of State.
- HS2 Commons Select Committee Second Special Report published recommending higher noise barriers at Great Haywood and further noise mitigation at Fradley Wood. / Drafted press release welcoming this.
- Attended HS2 Drop-In Event at Kings Bromley 24 July.
- Attended HS2/Cannock AONB Landscape Group meeting at Shugborough 25 July. Future constitution of group to be agreed. £1.5m to be made available by HS2 for mitigation projects in the area.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Lichfield DC.

- Waters Edge, School Lane, Hopwas: *Single storey rear extension creating an open plan kitchen/dining/seating area.* (No objection). Approved.

Tamworth BC.

- 3 Doriscroft, Dog Lane, Amington, Tamworth: *Detached Annex located in rear garden.* Intermediate location between original Refused and amended Approved applications, but different design with largely blank elevation to canal. (Would have objected but not consulted). Refused.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Land adjacent 109 Grendon Road, Polesworth: *Erection of a single storey dwelling with associated access, parking and turning area.* (No objection). Granted.
- Land north of Grendon Road, Polesworth: *Erection of 44 dwellings with landscaping, access and associated works.* (Premature but no other objection). Granted.

Hinckley & Bosworth BC

- Land adjacent The Wharf, Fenn Lanes, Dadlington: *Fish farm comprising the construction of fish breeding and stocking pools and the erection of an associated fish rearing and storage building.* (No objection). Permitted, subject to protection of Ashby Canal structural integrity and existing hedge/trees.

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South Staffordshire DC.

- Land off Cherrybrook Drive, Penkridge: *Outline planning application for the erection of up to 80 dwellings with associated vehicular access and other enabling works. All other matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved.* Description changed from 100 dwellings. No new plans available. No further comment.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Cannock Chase Local Plan, Issues & Scope document: Regrettable that stopping work on Part 2 for a full review will delay safeguarding of Hatherton Canal restoration route. South Staffs now has detailed map and safeguarding policy for their section, and Walsall policy changes agreed. Need for co-operation to ensure continuity and consistency. The consultation recognises the need for safeguarding, and IWA will work with the Council to complete this. [Comments Form]. /Received copy of CRT response; comprehensive and supports Hatherton Canal restoration.
- Land adjacent 151 Armitage Road, Rugeley: *Residential development; one detached dwelling.* Away from canal. No objection. [Email response].

Walsall MBC.

- Site B Goscote Lane (Goscote Lodge Crescent): *407 new dwellings with associated landscaping and parking for private sale, affordable rent and for older persons (wellbeing). Amendment to 2016 application.* Redevelopment of demolished housing estate. Area nearest canal is open space with footpath. No objection. [Online response].

Lichfield DC.

- Land adjacent Brook House, Cappers Lane, Lichfield: *Engineering operations to existing canal and towpath to enable proposed construction of new canal marina basin and associated works including marina entrance bridge, dry dock, site access road, car parking, security fencing, flood compensation and landscape planting to replace existing facilities to be lost by the realignment of Cappers Lane as part of the development of HS2.* History of changes to HS2 route explained. A well-researched, sympathetically designed and clearly presented proposal. Will provide equivalent reinstatement for moorings and facilities to be lost due to HS2. Fully supported. [Letter].

- Navigation House, Kings Bromley Road, Alrewas: *Two storey extension to side to form family room and 1 bedroom.* Extension fully glazed on two elevations is out of keeping with existing historic cottage property and visible from canal below Bagnall Lock. Should be redesigned to reduce area of glazing by half. [Email comment].

- Land at Cricket Lane, Lichfield: *Hybrid planning application comprising Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except access points to Cricket Lane) for the construction of up to 520 dwellings, and up to 10.73 hectares for employment uses (Use Classes B1/B2/B8), with comprehensive green infrastructure including footpaths, cycle ways, multifunctional open space, children's play areas, open space for sport and sustainable drainage infrastructure including balancing ponds, and other associated ancillary infrastructure and ground remodelling; and Full planning application for the construction of a 3,886sqm (GEA) Class B1c/B2/B8 unit with ancillary office space, access off London Road, including car parking, servicing, drainage works, earthworks and other ancillary works.* The Development Plan requires provision of a bridge over the Lichfield Canal route at the Cricket Lane/Tamworth Rad junction and the application should be amended to include this, with the details covered by Condition. The plans should also be amended to better integrate the open space provision with the canal corridor which can contribute to sustainable transport, biodiversity and sustainable drainage [Letter].

- Land at Fradley Park, Halifax Avenue, Fradley: *Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 374 dwellings within phases 2, 3 and 4 of outline approval.* Amended plans. Minor changes. No further comment.

- Local Plan Allocations Examination: Attended opening session 4/9/2018. Submitted documents for hearing on 11/9/2018. In response to request from Inspector, submitted notes explaining the case for additional wording in Lichfield Canal policy about developments providing any infrastructure necessary to maintain the integrity of the route. [Letter].

East Staffordshire BC.

- Wharf Houses, 1 Barton Turn, Barton under Needwood, Staffs. DE13 8DZ. *Erection of two prefabricated wooden garden buildings for use as workshop and studio and remedial works to existing boundary wall.* Alternative to previously approved garage/studio/workshop building. This proposal will better preserve the historic canalside wall and be less visually intrusive. No objection. [Email response].

- 1 Horninglow Road North, Burton on Trent: *Erection of a two storey extension to the south east elevation and roof alterations including the raising of the ridge height.* Formerly a garage and no record of consultation on its conversion to a one-bedroom house. The plans for a two storey, three-bedroom house may require full reconstruction rather than just extensions. Requested information on the legality and the practicality of this. [Email response].

- Changing Rooms, Jubilee Playing Fields, Hillfield Lane, Stretton, Burton on Trent: *Construct extensions to changing room block.* Well away from canal. No objection. [Online response].

Tamworth BC.

- Land south of A5, Tamworth: *Hybrid Application; Full for the construction of car showroom with associated sales facility, car repairs, MOT, storage and valet facility with associated infrastructure, parking, access, landscaping and associated highway works; Outline for approximately 7 units, 2 car dealerships and 2 drive-thru restaurants with associated access, servicing, landscaping, parking and associated highway works.* Amended plans. Largest unit moved away from canal behind a car park, as we requested. No further objection subject to landscape planting along canal boundary. [Email response].

- Land at Dunstall Farm, Tamworth: *Reserved Matters application for the erection of 405 residential units forming the first phase, including associated roads/driveways, landscaping and play areas.* Amended plans. Minor changes only not affecting canal. No comment.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Dunton Wharf, Lichfield Road, Curdworth: *Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 3 buildings to provide offices, training/classrooms and industrial unit to facilitate the use of site for storage and ancillary digger driving school.* (Objections and questions). Received copy of agent's response to our questions. / Received copy of CRT response. / Amended plans but nothing affecting previous comments. Lack of screening of former use no reason why it should not now be provided. Claim that there will be no excavating or moving materials as part of digger driver training is not credible and there should be a condition preventing this near the canal. CRT response on screen planting, water quality, contamination, construction management, biodiversity, etc. endorsed. [Email response]. / Amended access plans. No change to previous comments. [Email response].

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Local Plan Review, Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report: Ashby Canal restoration summarised and tourism value recognised. No comment.

Planning Inspectorate.

- West Midlands Interchange: Notice of submission of application. Documents published before start of representation period. No further changes to layout from previous consultations. New canal bridge now shown with brick clad abutments as we requested. / Notification that application has been accepted to proceed to examination.

HS2 Ltd. & Consultation Groups.

- Attended HS2/CRT Liaison Meeting in Birmingham on 14 August with Phase 1 contractors BBV Joint Venture. No progress on Wood End Lane diversion or canal diversion at Cappers Lane but discussed evolving designs for other canal bridges. / Received minutes and commented on several matters including provision of noise barriers on Longhole Viaduct.
- HS2 Landscape Group: Received and commented on Draft Terms of Reference for Trent-Sow Parklands and Cannock Chase AONB HS2 Group.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Cannock Chase DC.

- Land adjacent to Old Brewery, 155 Armitage Road, Rugeley: *Residential development; erection of one 3 bed house and one 4 bed house.* (No objection). Approved.

Stafford BC.

- St Thomas Bridge, Baswich Lane, Baswich, Stafford: *Works are required to strengthen St Thomas Bridge so that it is fit for purpose. Works will involve the removal of the original backfill of the arch and then replacement with a reinforced concrete slab which is better able to take the load. The retained brick arch will be tied to the RC slab, and then a new road surface applied. The bridge will look the same but will be structurally much stronger.* Listed Building Consent Application. (Supported). Approved, with limited working hours.

Birmingham CC.

- Land adjoining 'Kimal', Old Kingsbury Road, Minworth, Sutton Coldfield: *Erection of 2 dwelling houses with associated access, parking and garage.* (No objection). Approved.

Lichfield DC.

- Land south of Shortbutts Lane, Lichfield: *Construction of a sustainable mixed use urban extension, comprising of up to 450 dwellings...to include...safeguarded route of Lichfield Canal...etc.* Approved.
- Land North West of Broad Lane, Huddlesford: *Construction of 118 two, three and four bedroom timber clad holiday and leisure lodges, layout and construction of internal site roads and parking areas, creation of play areas and internal footpaths, layout and creation of two balancing ponds, construction of a reception building with meeting space, office, fitness suite, toilets and bike hire and laying out of 2.5ha greenspace for nature conservation and leisure, including nature trail and dog walk, extensive tree planting and creation of species rich flower meadow.* (Objection). Refused; although planning officer recommended approval and the reasons given for refusal are weak so an appeal is likely.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Former Regales Restaurant, Lichfield Road (A38), Barton-under-Needwood: *Alterations to building and creation of new drive-thru to existing unit for use as coffee house.* (Objection). Withdrawn.

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Secura Labels, 50-56 Measham Road, Moira: *Variations of Conditions of Outline consent to amend the site layout including provision of a turning head.* (No objection). Permitted.

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Stafford BC.

- New Local Plan consultations: Scoping the Issues Report and Settlement Assessment with Settlement Profiles. Generally content with existing Canal Facilities & New Marinas policy but it should not exclude residential moorings. More explicit support for the Shrewsbury & Newport and Stafford Riverway Link restoration projects would be welcome. [Email response].

South Staffordshire DC.

- Local Plan, Site Allocations document: Notice of Adoption. Policy SAD8: Hatherton Canal Restoration Project text satisfactory as agreed, although chapter heading still refers to "Lichfield and" Hatherton Canal! Design Guide and Sustainable Development SPDs also adopted. Local Plan Review to commence with Issues & Options consultation in October.

Walsall MBC.

- 54 Norman Road, Walsall: *Replacement 5 bedroom house*. (No objection). Amended plans. Improved appearance. No further comment.

Lichfield DC.

- Local Plan Allocations Examination: Presented case to Inspector for additional wording in Lichfield Canal policy about development sites providing necessary infrastructure; supported by LHCRT Chair; 11 September.
- The Dairy Annexe, Fisherwick Road, Fisherwick: *Variation of condition relating to approved plans. / Works to listed building to allow remodelling of an existing dwelling to form three separate units, including replacement extensions*. (2 applications). Away from canal. No comment.
- Land south of Bagnall Lock, Kings Bromley Road, Alrewas: *Variation of condition relating to conversion of roof spaces to living accommodation on plots 3, 5 and 6, minor amendments to window configurations and garage roofs, addition of stores and siting of Air Source heat pumps*. No increase in number of bedrooms or therefore residents or traffic across canal bridge. Attractive architectural features of previous designs should be reinstated. [Email response].
- Kingfisher Holiday Park, Fradley Junction, Alrewas: *Erection of 3m high weld mesh fencing to the perimeter of tennis court*. Visible from canal towpath but limited impact on Conservation Area. [Email comment].
- Kings Orchard Marina, Broad Lane, Huddlesford: *Retention of 12 caravan/campervan pitches with associated surfacing*. In use for touring vans up to 28 day stays. Behind and below embankment at rear of marina where screened from view from canal. No objection, subject to time limit on occupation to prevent their becoming permanently residential. [Email response].

East Staffordshire BC.

- Former Regales Restaurant, Lichfield Road A38, Barton under Needwood: *Drive-thru window extension and alterations to building and creation of new drive-thru lane to existing unit for use as coffee house*. Similar to previous withdrawn application. Almost opposite Barton Marina entrance. Would be constant traffic noise from new drive-thru access road immediately behind towpath hedge. Hedge in poor condition and should be replanted as visual screen but preferably with traditional hawthorn etc. and not proposed cherry laurel. Also road safety issues from greatly increased traffic on inadequate exit to A38 without a slip road. Objections. [Letter].

North Warwickshire BC.

- Dunton Wharf, Lichfield Road, Curdworth: *Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 3 buildings to provide offices, training/classrooms and industrial unit to facilitate the use of site for storage and ancillary digger driving school*. (Objection). Amended plan indicating excavation area away from canal and applicant willing to accept this as a condition, which answers that concern, but no change to vehicle parking areas adjacent to canal and as yet no landscape planting and screening for canal as requested, so these objections remain as before. [Email response]. / Revised Land Use Plan showing excavation area and car parking away from canal frontage and a landscaping strip along canal boundary. No details yet of landscaping buffer which should include a reinstated native species towpath hedge, with any security fencing behind it. No further objection, subject to a consent Condition on details of landscaping to be provided. [Email response].
- Local Plan Examination: Attended part of hearing session on 27 Sept. concerning Strategic Distribution of Development. Second part of Examination postponed until late October at the earliest.

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Site of Former Red Ruby and Ratcliffe Buildings, Tuttle Hill, Nuneaton: *Demolition of existing Ratcliffe and Red Ruby buildings and erection of a new 78 bedroom care home in one three-storey block*. (No objection). Amended Plans. Addition of dormer windows to roof. No objections. [Email response].
- Caldwell Caravan Site, Bradestone Road, Nuneaton: *Change of use of land to caravan site (extension to existing site)*. (Objection). Additional information and amended plans. Applicant is NBBC. Visible from Coventry Canal across the Griff Brook valley. Extensive tree cover on site would be largely destroyed, despite arboricultural report recommending its retention. A significant landscaped buffer zone of existing trees and new planting should be maintained along the southern edge of the site. Present plans are unacceptable and should be refused. [Email response].

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Bosworth Marina, Carlton Road, Market Bosworth: *Change of use of first floor from café to offices*. Facilities building in marina. First floor was originally a function room then change of use to café permitted in 2016. No explanation given why the café use can't continue; or why it can't revert to its original use; or if the office use will be commercial and unconnected with the marina. Loss of valuable function room facility for marina and canal users. Holding objection pending explanation and justification. [Email response].

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Measham Road, Donisthorpe: *Change of use of land for exercising dogs, erection of an ancillary building and retention of hardstanding*. A small wooden building on original line of Ashby Canal, an infilled section of the Donisthorpe loop. Protected in Local Plan from any development that would prejudice its restoration. Objection in principle. However, a temporary permission for 3 years would protect the route for longer term restoration. [Email comment].

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- HS2 Landscape Group: Consulted IWA Chief Exec. on draft Terms of Reference; approved. / Had 'phone discussion with HS2 about IWA's noise mitigation evidence to Select Committee.
- Attended HS2 Waterways Working Group at Measham on 24 September and produced notes of meeting.
- BBV/CRT Liaison Meeting: Received presentation and notes of September meeting.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- Land off Cherrybrook Drive, Penkridge: *Outline planning application for the erection of up to 80 dwellings with associated vehicular access and other enabling works. All other matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) reserved.* (Objection). Refused.

Lichfield DC.

- The Red Lion, Lichfield Road, Hopwas: *Single storey extension to rear with pitched roof to form new lounge area, and installation of access ramp to main entrance.* No objection. Approved.

- Land adjacent to Canal, Gorse Lane, Fradley: *Creation of balancing pond with associated landscaping.* (Objection). Approved, with conditions about capacity and maintenance of culvert under Coventry Canal and on landscape planting.

Tamworth BC.

- Land at Dunstall Farm, Tamworth: *Access road from Ventura Park/Meadow Road roundabout.* (No comment). Approved.

- Land at Dunstall Farm, Tamworth: *Reserved Matters application for earthworks/engineering operations associated with remodelling the existing flood plain in relation to previous permission (for housing).* (No comment). Approved.

- Land at Dunstall Farm, Tamworth: *Reserved Matters application for the erection of 405 residential units forming the first phase, including associated roads/driveways, landscaping and play areas.* (No comment). Approved.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Land south of Gardeners Cottage, Pooley Lane, Polesworth: *Outline application (access only) for the residential development of up to 40 dwellings.* (Objection). Appeal allowed by Planning Inspectorate.

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Staffordshire County Council.

- Unit 4, Power Station Road, Rugeley: *Retrospective application for a tyre recycling facility.* Granurite site. Tyre stacks visible from canal are an eyesore and any consent should be conditional on screen fencing or planting and a height limitation for the stacks. [Online comment].

Stafford BC.

- Land north of railway line, Bellamour Lane, Wolseley Bridge: *Gas fired electricity generating facility with the ability to generate up to 49.99 MW of electricity. A low carbon flexible generating facility using gas reciprocating engines. The facility will generate electricity principally for the regional distribution network in times of generation shortfall and/or high demand.* The top of the power station and chimneys would be visible from the Trent & Mersey Canal beyond the railway line along the section between Taft Bridge and Wharf Cottage. The limited screen planting proposed would take decades to mature. A proposed adjacent power station of equal size in Lichfield DC would double the impact. No justification for siting this in open countryside on a greenfield site when the redundant Rugeley power station site with ample brownfield land available is barely 2 miles away, and already has sub-station connections to the electricity grid. Objection. [Letter]. See also Lichfield DC below.

Walsall MBC.

- Castings PLC, Lichfield Road, Brownhills: *Proposed extension to Bay 5 to house new machinery.* Small extension towards canal but quite well screened by existing trees. No objection. [Online response].

- Land at Winterley Lane, Rushall: *To complete the infilling of mineshafts and restoration of the land to provide a natural burial ground.* Amended plans. Includes 10m canal buffer zone and canalside landscaping. No objection. [Online response].

Lichfield DC.

- Land north of Bellamour Lane, Colton, Rugeley: *Proposed gas fired electricity generating facility (generating up to 49.99 MW of electricity) including formation of new access road and associated structures/facilities.* The top of the power station and chimneys would be visible from the Trent & Mersey Canal beyond the railway line along the section between Taft Bridge and Wharf Cottage. The limited screen planting proposed would take decades to mature. A proposed adjacent power station of equal size in Stafford BC would double the impact. No justification for siting this in open countryside on a greenfield site when the redundant Rugeley power station site with ample brownfield land available is barely 2 miles away, and already has sub-station connections to the electricity grid. Objection. [Letter]. See also Stafford BC above. / Copied both letters to Amanda Milling MP (Cannock Chase), Michael Fabricant MP (Lichfield) and Jeremy Lefroy MP (Stafford). / Responded to email from a Colton resident.

- Navigation House, Kings Bromley Road, Alrewas: *Two storey extension to side to form family room and 1 bedroom.* (Objection). Amended plans. Extension reduced in size and intrusive extent of glazing on first floor elevations reduced as we

requested. Still somewhat out of keeping with existing historic cottage property and visible from canal below Bagnall Lock, but no further objection subject to appropriate materials. [Email comment]. / Since Approved.

- Local Plan Review, Call for Sites: Inviting proposals for housing, employment and brownfield sites. No comment.
- Land north of Dark Lane, Alrewas: Variation of conditions relating to approved plans and landscaping. Change of house types and location of woodland planting. Housing well away from canal. No comment. [Online response].
- Deanslade Park housing site: Formal complaint to Head of Development Services about planning officer's report to the planning committee failing to properly report IWA's objections and failing to uphold the local plan requirements to safeguard the Lichfield Canal route when recommending approval of the application. [Letter]. / Acknowledged and promised response within 20 working days. / Ongoing correspondence with LHCRT about meeting developers and obtaining legal advice.
- Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan: Notice that the plan has been 'made'.
- Coton and Hopwas Social Club, School Lane, Hopwas: *Erection of new club building including demolition of existing building*. Improved appearance and set further back from canal. Supported. [Online comment].
- Land at Fradley Park, Halifax Avenue, Fradley: *Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 374 dwellings within phases 2, 3 and 4 of outline approval*. Additional information, including Public Open Space masterplan and arboricultural report. Oak trees along canal bank to be retained, with additional planting behind. No further comment.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Wharf Houses, 1 Barton Turn, Barton under Needwood, Staffs. DE13 8DZ. *Erection of two prefabricated wooden garden buildings for use as workshop and studio and remedial works to existing boundary wall*. (No objection). Revised plans. Changes to roofs. No objection. [Email response]. / Since approved.
- 1 Horninglow Road North, Burton on Trent: *Erection of a two storey extension to the south east elevation and roof alterations including the raising of the ridge height*. Revised plans. Conversion of the garage to a one-bedroom house was regularised by retrospective consent. The plans are now for a two storey, three-bedroom house. In Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area but between existing properties and design acceptable. No objection. [Email response].

Tamworth BC.

- Planning Obligations SPD: Consultation on revisions due to new NPPF. No comment.

North Warwickshire BC.

- Dunton Wharf, Lichfield Road, Curdworth: *Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 3 buildings to provide offices, training/classrooms and industrial unit to facilitate the use of site for storage and ancillary digger driving school*. Note from planning officer agreeing to conditions on reinstating a towpath hedge, incorporation of historic canal arm side bridge and setting back security fencing in a landscape management plan.
- Seven Acres, Boddymoor Heath Lane, Boddymoor Heath: *Erection of 12 boarding dog kennels*. Close to offside moorings north of Boddymoor Heath Bridge. Noise from dogs could be very disturbing to boat dwellers. Objection. [Email comment]. / Reply that moorers notified and a number of responses received.

Nuneaton & Bedworth BC.

- Borough Plan, Main Modifications: Changes to details of text wording, Gipsy Lane housing site to address the canal, to provide enhancements to canal towpath, and provide a cycle route crossing of canal using the Turnover Bridge if feasible. Faultlands Farm employment site to be set back from canal to allow for landscape buffer with tree planting to limit effects, to contribute to cycle route crossing of canal using the Turnover Bridge if feasible, or an alternative bridge, and to contribute towards widening Gipsy Lane Canal Bridge. Tuttle Hill housing site to address the canal, to provide enhancements to canal towpath and to heritage assets along the canal. No comment
- Merevale Avenue (Site 50a017), Nuneaton: *Erection of 8 dwellings and conversion of existing office to 1 dwelling including a single storey extension to side to form garage*. No objection. [Online comment].

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Trinity Marina, Coventry Road, Hinckley: *Mixed use development including up to 74 apartments, marina facilities (toilet/shower/bath facilities, café, shop, launderette and marina offices/storage) and associated landscaping and infrastructure (outline - access, landscaping, layout and scale only)*. Amended plans. Changed from 82 'retirement living' apartments. 2 storey blocks canalside. No objection, subject to further consultation on detailed design of canalside apartments and landscaping at Reserved Matters stage. [Online response].

Natural England.

- Cannock Extension Canal SAC, Conservation Objectives Supplementary Advice: Response accepting most of the corrections we suggested. Replied with information on estimated boat movements. [Email response].

Planning Inspectorate.

- West Midlands Interchange: Invitation to register as an "Interested Party" with an outline of principal submissions. / Registered and submitted Statement: Would destroy rural setting of Staffs & Worcs Canal between Gailey and Calf Heath, with visual impact and noise from 14 massive warehouses, new access road and rail terminal. Significant damage to canal's heritage, environment and visitor economy and its Conservation Area. Noise would affect residential and visitor moorings, boatyard and canal shop at Gailey. Wind funnel effects could ruin sailing on Calf Heath Reservoir. Inappropriate Green belt development. West Midlands already served by 2 rail freight interchanges and local area by a rail terminal at Cannock. Black Country would be better served by one or more smaller sites on brownfield land within the conurbation. Alternative site at Featherstone would be less damaging. Most traffic would be by road which would greatly increase congestion on M6, A5 &

A449. Canal Enhancement Strategy includes removal of 3 redundant bridges across canal next to chemical works, brick cladding to new canal bridge, towpath improvements, and connections to canalside community park at Gailey; but still a massively intrusive development. Should move spine road further from canal and increase earth mound heights locally, set back or reduce height of nearest warehouses to canal and reservoir, carry out mounding and planting in advance, and remove redundant modern Four Ashes road bridge. [Online]. / All registration representations (1332) now published, including IWA and CRT.

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- Trent-Sow Parklands Landscape Group: Received draft Consultants Brief, Tender Project Programme, and Programme Manager job description.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- The Firs, Straight Mile, Calf Heath: Reserved Matters; including new access, new bungalow and garages, layout, proposed landscaping and boundary treatment. (Objection). Amended plans with building and new tree planting set further back from canal as we requested. Approved.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Land adjacent 151 Armitage Road, Rugeley: *Residential development; one detached dwelling.* (No objection). Withdrawn.

Lichfield DC.

- Land on the east side of Birmingham Road, Lichfield: *Outline application with all matters reserved except access for a flexible commercial development of up to 2000 sqm area (classes A1, A2, A3, B1, D1 and D2), associated parking areas, new access on to the Birmingham Road, provision of strategic landscaping, cycle and pedestrian access routes, infrastructure and other operations including the safeguarding of land for the Lichfield southern bypass and safeguarded route for the Lichfield canal.* (Objection). Approved.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Lawns Farm, Branston Road, Tatenhill: *Reserved matters application relating to 2012 consent for the erection of 201 dwellings including details of appearance, landscape, layout, scale and means of access.* (No objection). Approved.

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Basin Bridge Farm, Basin Bridge Lane, Stoke Golding: *Variation of condition of 2016 planning consent to allow the solar farm to operate for 40 years.* (No objection). Permitted.

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Measham Road, Donisthorpe: *Change of use of land for exercising dogs, erection of an ancillary building and retention of hardstanding.* (Objection). Temporary consent as we requested, with shed to be removed after 5 years unless extension agreed.

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NOTES ON MATTERS DEALT WITH BETWEEN 6/11/2018 & 4/12/2018

South Staffordshire DC.

- Local Plan Review, Issues & Options consultation: Attended drop-in exhibition at Penkridge. / Responded that current Local Plan policies on Hatherton Canal Restoration and Canalside Development should continue, with some minor corrections, and provision for residential moorings in marinas. [Letter].

- The Moat House, Lower Penkridge Road, Acton Trussell: *Installation of new oak structure to form covered servery and access areas. Removal of existing window and make alterations in readiness to form new access door into existing internal kitchen area. Form new outside terrace area with shade sails and oak post anchoring points. Form new pergola to top of steps adjacent existing canal. Form new path as disabled access from southern side of hotel.* (Not consulted and plans not all visible on web site). Extension of patio towards canal with new retaining wall very close to waters edge. Excavation below water level is a foolish and unacceptable proposal which threatens the stability of the historic canal bank and could lead to leakage and a possible major breach. Holding objection. [Email comment].

Cannock Chase DC.

- Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area, Draft Appraisal and Management Plan: Accepted our 2011 suggestion to include the Talbot Basin, across Armitage Road, in the Conservation Area. Suggested various minor amendments to Appraisal, and inclusion of Churchdale cottage. Management Plan should include enhancements to moorings, Leathermill Lane canal bridge parapets, and screening of outside storage at several industrial units. [Letter].

- Sunflowers Day Nursery, Station Road, Rugeley: *Demolition of existing building and associated works to clear site.* Within T&M Canal Conservation Area. Unattractive concrete building. No objection in principle, provided site is landscaped pending any future redevelopment. Important that any replacement building enhances the Conservation Area. [Email response].
- Rugeley Power Station: Attended Community Planning exhibition 30 Nov. Suggested inclusion of site for gas fired power station as well as industry and housing in the masterplan, as a brownfield site more suitable than the currently proposed sites on farmland at Bellamour Lane only 2 miles away.

Walsall MBC.

- 18 Waters View, Pelsall: *Front extension to garage with new gable and first floor extension over with dormer window to form bedroom.* No objection. [Online response].
- Veolia ES UK Ltd. Empire Works, Stubbers Green Road, Aldridge: *Erection of canopy.* No objection. [Online response].
- Site Allocations Document: Publication of Inspector's Report. Recommends modifications to make the plan 'sound'. Main Modifications to Policy EN4 Canals and supporting text are as previously agreed following the Examination.

Lichfield DC.

- Sheepwash Farm, Fisherwick Road, Fisherwick: *Change of use of agricultural building to form children's day nursery.* No objection. [Email response].
- Land south of Tamworth Road, Lichfield: *Erection of 28 dwellings with ancillary parking and private amenity space; provision of public open space area; site infrastructure and landscaping (outline application relating to access).* On Local Plan concept map as open space, not housing. Previously authorised marina and canal facilities building with canoe storage, office, meeting room etc. never started, although permission still current. LHCRT has constructed marina entrance and slipway in preparation. Very disappointing proposal as owner previously helpful with access and use of sheds etc. Fails to meet Local Plan requirements to safeguard and assist in delivery of the Lichfield Canal restoration and integrate it with open space network. Plan doesn't show canal side access track or slipway, and includes land owned by City Council leased to LHCRT. Whilst some housing may be acceptable it should still include a smaller mooring basin and a small facilities building, either near the slipway or the winding hole, along with a full length construction access track and space to use the slipway. Application should be withdrawn for essential changes, or refused. If Outline consent given it must be conditional on compliance with Local Plan requirements for safeguarding, delivery and integration of the Lichfield Canal restoration.
- Deanslade Park Project, Land south of Falkland Rad, Lichfield: *Hybrid Planning Application comprising Full Planning Application for the construction of a sustainable mixed use urban extension comprising of 475 dwellings, new vehicular access points onto Claypit Lane and Birmingham Road, the remodelling and formation of a roundabout at the junction of Fossey Lane and Claypit Lane, comprehensive green infrastructure including up to 16.55 ha of country park, footpaths, cycleways, multifunctional open space including children's play areas, community orchard, open space for informal sport and sustainable urban drainage systems, foul and surface water drainage infrastructure including balancing ponds, and other ancillary infrastructure and ground remodelling. With Outline Applications for the serviced provision of 1.09 ha of land for a primary school and 1.9 ha for strategic sports provision with all matters reserved except access. (Removal of vehicular access from Claypit Lane and amendment to internal site layout and house types).* Amended plans and additional information. 'Legal' opinion from Eversheds Sutherland ignores the Infrastructure Delivery Plan which clearly requires the developer to fund the provision of a canal bridge and canal channel works integrated with the open space and green network. [Letter].
- Deanslade Park housing site: Received response from Council with results of investigation into our formal complaint about planning officer report in July. / Replied welcoming apology for inaccurate reporting of IWA and LHCRT objections, and agreement to refer decision back to planning committee in December. Also welcomed change to procedure to notify 'local interest groups' of planning committee agendas with opportunity to speak at committee. However, challenged their statements about the development plan and canal infrastructure requirements including the red line boundary, canal bridge location, S106 and CIL funding, development plan policy, concept statements, regulation 122 tests, and reminded them of their 2015 failure to include agreed wording in the Local Plan Strategy.
- Armitage with Handsacre Neighbourhood Plan: Has been 'Made'. Positive references to canal unchanged plus several more.
- Midland Pig Producers Ltd, Hay End Lane, Fradley: *Outline application for a mixed use development comprising of 184 residential dwellings including self-build properties and independent living, 122 care and assisted living dwellings, and the creation of a 2,699 sq m neighbourhood centre, including a retail unit, public house/café, gym, medical facilities and day nursery with associated works (outline: all matters reserved except access).* (Objection). Additional Information on traffic and access matters. No change to our previous comments. [Email response].
- Land adjacent Bear Cottage, Heath Gap, Fradley: *Erection of five bedroom dwellinghouse.* On existing foundations, extending away from canal. No objection. [Online response].

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Land east of Abney Drive, Measham: *Erection of 150 dwellings including vehicular access, pedestrian links, public open space, car parking, landscaping, drainage and associated works.* Adjacent to Ashby Canal restoration route along old railway. Contrary to Local Plan so expected to be refused, but could be made more acceptable by contributing to the canal restoration. Funding the channel earthworks and the towpath linking through the station site to the High Street as public open space could be done by including the canal in the site or as off-site works through S.106 planning obligations. [Letter].

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- Phase 2b Working Draft Environmental Statement and supporting documents published for consultation.
- Attended HS2/CRT Liaison Meeting in Birmingham on 14 November with Phase 1 contractors BBV Joint Venture. Discussed evolving designs for canal bridges and viaducts.
- Attended HS2 Waterways Working Group at Measham on 26 November and produced notes of meeting.

- Promoter's Response to Select Committee Second Special Report: Uses Trent Sow Parklands & Cannock Chase AONB HS2 Group as excuse for not implementing Committee recommendation to install 5m noise barrier at Great Haywood Marina. Refers to 'assurances' given to IWA here and for Fradley Wood. / Letter from HS2 offering the assurances, which had never been discussed with IWA and offer only to consider "whether" additional noise mitigation is required, whereas the Select Committee report clearly agreed with IWA that it is and requires HS2 to look at providing it.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Lichfield DC.

- Kingfisher Holiday Park, Fradley Junction, Alrewas: *Erection of 3m high weld mesh fencing to the perimeter of tennis court.* (Concerns). Refused.
- Land south of Bagnall Lock, Kings Bromley Road, Alrewas: *Variation of condition relating to conversion of roof spaces to living accommodation on plots 3, 5 and 6, minor amendments to window configurations and garage roofs, addition of stores and siting of Air Source heat pumps.* (Objection). Approved.
- Land north of Dark Lane, Alrewas: *Residential development of 19 dwellings with associated access, parking, public open space and landscape works.* (Minor objection). Refused.

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