

IWA LICHFIELD BRANCH - PLANNING SUMMARY  
NOTES ON MATTERS DEALT WITH BETWEEN 4/12/2019 & 8/1/2020

South Staffordshire DC.

- Spatial Housing Strategy and Infrastructure Delivery consultation: Considers 7 options for broad locations of future housing developments, with Preferred Option G being urban extensions. Nothing site specific. IDP includes Hatherton Canal restoration and towpath trail, and CRT proposals for towpath improvements etc. Issues & Options Consultation Summary of Responses includes IWA, LHCRT and CRT comments. Response: Staffs. & Worcs., Stourbridge, and Shropshire Union canals are all designated Conservation Areas, and are especially sensitive to changes to their setting. The Landscape Sensitivity Assessment of potential development areas 'scopes-out' areas of natural and cultural heritage, which should include Conservation Areas. All Conservation Areas, with an appropriate buffer zone to protect their setting, should be excluded from further consideration for built development.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Land to north of Wyrley Common and south of A5 Watling Street: *Proposed change of use to outdoor go-karting facility and associated operational development including formation of track (1200m), car park and associated landscaping works. Details also provided of proposed hospitality/administration, garage/shop and toilet buildings for illustrative purposes only.* - *Additional Information.* Notification letter again misdirected. Difficult to identify additional information on the website. Reference to letter from noise consultant being sent to 'Inland Water Authority' (!) but not received by IWA and copy requested. [Email comments].

Walsall MBC.

- 8 Lindon Close, Brownhills: *Prior approval for a larger home extension for a single storey pitched roof rear extension, etc.* No objection. [Online comment].  
- Hills Contractors, Westgate, Aldridge: *Concrete Batching Plant.* Alongside Daw End Branch Canal. Appearance of 3 silos and noise of mixing machinery adjacent to boundary will be intrusive to canal environment, and recharging cement silos could result in cement dust blowing across canal. Should be re-sited away from the canal. Objection. [Online response].  
- Yorks Bridge, Norton Road, Pelsall: *Construction of a new road bridge over the Wyrley and Essington Canal next to York's bridge and realignment of Norton road, plus new parking bays for Pelsall North Common and wetland area (adjacent to public footpath Ald0.149). The application includes the provision of an area of replacement common land to the south of the A4124 Lichfield road, to be served by a new vehicle access and parking area.* Amended plans. Minor changes to landscaping. Supported. [Online response].

Lichfield DC.

- Land adjacent Hayes Meadow Primary School, Spode Avenue, Handsacre: *Approval of Reserved Matters (layout, landscaping, scale and appearance) for the erection of 13 dwellings and associated works (Phase 2A).* Set back from canal. No objection. [Online response].  
- Land fronting Turnbull Road, Fradley: *Erection of 8 dwellings and associated works.* December 2018 application but never consulted ! Between road and recent housing site on what was a landscaped area. Only small frontage to canal, shown with trees, and site below canal level. Minimal impact on canal. No comment.

East Staffordshire BC.

- 404 Lichfield Road, Barton under Needwood: *Erection of a part first floor side and two storey front and side extensions.* Similar to 2014 permitted plans but with more traditional appearance. No objection. [Online response].

North Warwickshire BC.

- Land 100 metres north of Woodpark Farm Cottage, Grendon Road, Polesworth: *Approval of conditions relating to management strategy, water supply and landscaping.* Canalside landscaping should include trees and shrubs not just grass. [Online comment].  
- Land to rear of 5 and 7, Fairfields Hill, Polesworth: *Outline application for the demolition of existing dwellings and outbuildings. Erection of up to 9 new dwellings with means of access submitted for approval and all other matters reserved.* Similar to 2016 permission, since expired. No objection subject to retention of canalside trees. [Online response].

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Land at Measham Waterside, Burton Road, Measham: *Erection of 426 dwellings, reinstatement of 1.1KM of associated canal, provision of public open space and vehicular, emergency and footpath access (reserved matters of appearance, layout, scale, internal access and landscaping to outline planning permission).* Supported. [Letter].

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Review Group deputy chairman Lord Berkeley's 'Dissenting Report' released 4/1/2020. Highly critical of the unrealistic design specification, over-engineering and poor financial management of the project. Accuses HS2 Ltd. and DfT of misleading parliament and overstating benefits, and estimates costs have increased to at least £108bn with a negative benefit/cost ratio. Suggests a range of improvements to the existing network in the midlands and the north that would provide wider benefits at half the cost.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- Lower Drayton Farm, Lower Drayton Lane, Penkridge: *Vary Conditions 2 (approved plans and details), 4 (landscaping), 8 (lighting), 10 and 11 (drainage), and 14 (off-site highway works), and delete conditions 6 (tree protection measures) and 9 (archaeology) of approval for anaerobic digestion plant.* (No Objection). Approved.
- Park Gate Lock, Teddesley Road, Acton Trussell: *Facilities building for narrow boating (outdoor recreation).* (Requested brick facing). Approved.

Walsall MBC.

- Former British Lion Works, Forest Lane, Blakenall, Walsall: *Demolition of existing buildings, construction of 16 dwellings with associated access road and parking.* (No objection). Amended plans. Granted.

Lichfield DC.

- Kings Orchard Marina, Broad Lane, Huddlesford: *Retention of 12 caravan/campervan pitches with associated surfacing.* (No objection). Approved, for time-limited holiday use only.
- Coton and Hopwas Social Club, School Lane, Hopwas: *Erection of new club building including demolition of existing building.* (Supported). Refused.

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