

IWA LICHFIELD BRANCH - PLANNING SUMMARY  
NOTES ON MATTERS DEALT WITH BETWEEN 8/1/2020 & 5/2/2020

Stafford BC.

- Biodiversity & Development Supplementary Planning Document: Draft for consultation. No comment.

South Staffordshire DC.

- Perseverance Cottage, Shaw Hall Lane, Coven Heath: *Conservatory extension*. No objection. [Online response].

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*. Confirmed E. Wood not an objector and correct address for all planning consultations. Copy of Noise consultants letter of June 2019. Still no consideration of noise impacts on residential boats and concerned that no assessment even requested by the Council. Letter takes no account of difference between low-pitched rumble of road traffic and high-pitched whine of two-stroke go-karts, so claim that kart noise will be virtually inaudible compared to road traffic is not credible. [Email responses].

Walsall MBC.

- Telecommunications Mast rear of Anchor Inn, Chester Road, Brownhills: *Replacement of existing 14.7m monopole with 20.0m high slimline lattice mast supporting 6 antenna apertures, together with the installation of 8 ground-based equipment cabinets*. (Objection and Refused), Notice of Appeal.

- 38 Camden Street, Walsall Wood: *Erection of new 3 bed detached dwelling to side of existing dwelling*. Traditional cottage design. Set back from Daw End Branch Canal. No objection. [Online response].

Black Country Plan: News Bulletin. Publication of evidence, including Green Belt Assessment, Landscape Sensitivity Assessment, Historic Landscape Study, Urban Capacity Review, Site Selection Methodology, etc.

Lichfield DC.

- Local Plan Review, Preferred Options consultation: Waterways Comments: Lichfield Canal route on district map is wrong; Previously notified corrections to canal section of Historic Environment not corrected; Removal of land at Fosseway Lane from Green Belt is based on erroneous assessment, not justified and should not proceed; Lichfield Canal policy now subsumed within Green Infrastructure policy but should revert to separate policy with explanatory text; Lichfield Canal policy should include requirement for adjacent developments to provide necessary canal infrastructure; Coventry and Birmingham & Fazeley canals should be designated Conservation Areas; Any additional housing at Armitage Handsacre should be away from the canal; Fradley strategic housing allocation both north and south of Hay End Lane is opposed, but if it proceeds then the canalside land should become recreation and community open space; Further development at Fradley will need a new canal bridge on Gorse Lane but the existing historic New Bridge should be retained as a foot/cycle bridge. Planning Process Comments: Vision of nearly 12,000 new houses is more of a nightmare and not sustainable; The new Local Plan should be a single document; Shortfall of housing completions indicates previous over-provision which developers are just land-banking, as there is a mismatch between inflated housing need calculations and actual market demand; Longer term proposal for new settlement is misguided as any site would be too close to existing towns to be self-contained, becoming just another large disconnected housing estate with poor facilities, like Fradley; Large housing allocation northeast of Lichfield, between Curborough and Streethay needs new strategic highway network and planning for consequences of more traffic in the City centre; Housing development in the Green Belt west of Fazeley is not justified; Further housing at Fradley will not improve previous bad planning in creating 3 disconnected housing areas with poor facilities; Proposed new Green Belt boundary north of Curborough follows the wrong HS2 route, which we had changed in 2015 to avoid the canal crossings. We have repeatedly pointed out this error on the plans but the incompetent planning department does not take any notice. [Form and comments document].

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*. Landscaping plan changed to include canalside tree and shrub screen planting, as we requested. Content, provided that trees on maturity don't overhang canal. [Email response].

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Bosworth Marina, Carlton Road, Market Bosworth: *Construction of a new café with associated parking and access*. Away from marina basin and canal in bottom corner of site by pond. Previous café in marina building converted to offices in 2018. No objection. [Online response].

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- Trent-Sow Parklands and Cannock Chase AONB HS2 Group: Design Principles report now completed.

- Government decision on future of HS2 promised in February. Meanwhile, leaks of the Oakveree Review suggest the Handsacre Link may be scrapped.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

Walsall MBC.

- European Industrial Group, Unit 31, Industrial House, Maybrook Road, Walsall Wood: *Proposed new storage building adjacent existing manufacturing facility, new access onto Maybrook Road and car park extension.* (Objection). Granted, with condition to protect canal culvert, but no canalside planting.

Lichfield DC.

- Land on east side of Birmingham Road, Lichfield: *Reserved Matters application for the layout, scale, appearance and landscaping of the site relating to commercial development in accordance with condition 2 of outline application.* Excludes area for Lichfield Canal. (No objection). Approved.

East Staffordshire BC.

- Marstons Brewery, Shobnall Road, Burton upon Trent: *Erection of a detached storage building.* (Objection). Approved.

North West Leicestershire DC.

- Springfield Farm 39 Chapel Street, Oakthorpe: *Erection of up to three dwellings (outline - details of access included).* (Objection). Reduced from 4 to 3 houses to provide more space for the Ashby Canal restoration, although no amended layout plan. Approved.

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