

IWA LICHFIELD BRANCH - PLANNING SUMMARY
NOTES ON MATTERS DEALT WITH BETWEEN 11/3/2020 & 8/4/2020

Walsall MBC.

- Hills Contractors, Westgate, Aldridge: *Concrete Batching Plant*. Correspondence with Waterways World News Editor about an online article on Birmingham Live concerning IWA and CRT objections. [Email].
- Chase Community Homes, 95 Chase Road, Brownhills: *Conversion of existing house into 4 one-bed flats including demolition of rear extension lean-to, construction of 2 storey rear extension and works for associated parking*. Amended plans. No objection. [Online response].

Lichfield DC.

- 17 Nursery Lane, Hopwas: *Change of use to allow demolition of commercial building and subsequent erection of 1 three bedroom dwellinghouse with associated parking*. Visible from canal across neighbouring garden. No objection. [Online comment].
- Land north of Dark Lane, Alrewas: *Variation of conditions on Approved Plans and Landscaping of 2018 permission relating to plot substitution of 52 of the approved 121 units and updated landscaping scheme*. Away from canal. No comment. [Online response].
- Canal Side Café, Fradley Junction, Alrewas: *Side conservatory extension to existing café, part removal of an existing boundary wall by taking off the top 2/3 courses of brickwork*. Drawing misleading and design inappropriate adjacent to Listed buildings in Conservation Area. [Letter]. / CRT has also objected on heritage grounds and as the landowner.

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)*. Amended plans (Not consulted). Previously supported, but amended landscape plan shows a section of towpath removed which is essential for access, maintenance and safety. Also towpath width inconsistent, and need ramps up to road bridge to connect the towpaths on the arm and main line. Objection. [Email]. / Response from planning officer apologising for lack of consultation, acknowledging inconsistency in the plans, and citing LCC Ecology and NE interventions for removal of the towpath. He suggests moving the towpath to the other side; but that would be outside the site boundary, with land ownership problems and legal uncertainties, and need an extra (unfunded) footbridge at the junction. Towpath should be reinstated and connected. Objection maintained. [Email].

Environment Agency.

- River Basin Planning: Challenges and Choices consultation. Contribution to national response concerning the proposed removal of 'redundant' weirs on rivers. These are mostly centuries old, and some are on rivers that were formerly navigable and are, or may in future be, proposed for restoration. [Report].

Department for Transport / HS2 Ltd.

- HS2 Waterways Working Group meeting on 30 March cancelled, but circulated an update on the Government Review, and an update from CRT on enabling works and meetings etc. / Provided update to 'Waterways' editor.

Decisions on Previous Applications:

South Staffordshire DC.

- The Bungalow, Croft Lane, Gailey: *Proposed garage/workshop with annexe above*. (No objection). Refused.
- Perseverance Cottage, Shaw Hall Lane, Coven Heath: *Conservatory extension*. (No objection). Approved.

Cannock Chase DC.

- Grove Colliery, Lime Lane, Pelsall: *Change of Use of land to gypsy traveller residential site for up to 7 caravans, of which no more than 3 would be static caravans. The construction of a day room block and utility block, creation of a new vehicular access and the laying of hard standing*. (Objection). Refused, due to loss of heritage asset of former colliery buildings, etc.

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). Appeal dismissed, due to harm to Green Belt and character and appearance of canal.

Lichfield DC.

- The Cottage, Tamworth Road: *Demolition of existing building and erection of 6 bedroom detached dwelling and associated works*. (Objection). Approved.

East Staffordshire BC.

- 404 Lichfield Road, Barton under Needwood: *Erection of a part first floor side and two storey front and side extensions.* (No objection). Approved.

Hinckley & Bosworth BC.

- Bosworth Marina, Carlton Road, Market Bosworth: *Construction of a new café with associated parking and access.* (No objection). Refused.

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