

## Hammerwich Neighbourhood Plan

Lichfield District Council response to Initial Comments of the Independent Examiner

The response below seeks to address the Independent Examiners questions directly to Lichfield District Council in relation to the Hammerwich Neighbourhood Plan.

### Question 5: Strategic Policies

The Development Plan for Lichfield Council comprises of the Local Plan Strategy adopted February 2015 and the Local Plan Allocations adopted July 2019. Therefore, it is considered the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be conformity with all of the Core Policies and Development Management Policies set out within the [Local Plan Strategy](#). The Neighbourhood Plan also needs to conform to the policies detailed within the [Local Plan Allocations](#).

The District Council is progressing its review of the Local Plan, known as the Local Plan 2040. The timescale for latest timescales for this are set out within the [Local Development Scheme](#) and summarised below:

Local Plan 2040 Key Stage	Date	Status
Local Plan Review: Scope, Issues and Options	April 2018	Completed
Local Plan Review: Preferred Options and Policy Direction	January 2019	Completed
Local Plan Review: Preferred Options	November 2019	Completed
Local Plan 2040 Publication	Summer 2021	<a href="#">Consultation is being carried out between 5<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021</a>
Submission for examination in public	Autumn 2021	To be completed
Examination in public	Winter 2021/ 2022	To be completed
Adoption of Local Plan 2040	Autumn 2022	To be completed

### Question 13: Policy LEnv3 – Local Heritage Assets

The three properties in paragraph 9.15 relate to Hammerwich Hall Farm and its timber frame barn, Anglesey Branch of the Wyreley and Essington Canal Extension and Canal Bridge, Ogley Junction, Wyreley and Essington Canal. The status of these properties are discussed in turn below:

- Hammerwich Hall Farm and its timber frame barn – these properties are already locally listed
- Anglesey Branch of Wyreley and Essington Canal extension – this is on the Historic Environment Record and the District Council would already consider it a Non- designated Heritage Asset, but the Council has not put any lengths of the canal on the local list before.
- Canal Bridge, Ogley Junction, Wyreley and Essington Canal – given the canal bridge is Grade II listed and within Walsall District Council’s administrative boundary, this reference should be removed from the neighbourhood plan.

For clarification, the structures listed within paragraph 9.16 will become Non-designated Heritage Assets by merit of being listed in an adopted Neighbourhood Plan and therefore will get same level of protection as if locally listed. The assessment for the structures to meet the local list criteria has

not been carried out at this point in time and therefore it is true that some of the structures may not meet the local list criteria.