

APPENDIX 8

Consultation to Date
Leek End Week-end Questionnaire

Information Gathering and Background Research

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

A meeting was held with John Prince, Forward Plans and Conservation Manager within the Planning Department at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council on 18 February 2004 to discuss the study, the Council's UDP and any planning allocations within the area. John Prince advised that SMDC would be likely to consider the scheme sympathetically, especially as it appears to compliment the Churnet Valley Railway plc's proposals for a terminus at the Cattle Market Site.

The Churnet Valley is a significant green corridor around the Southern part of Leek and is designated green belt. He advised that the River Churnet is liable to flooding and was concerned that creation of a canal basin located on the flood plain might exacerbate this.

A conversation with Arne Swithenbank, Parks & Countryside Manager at SMDC expressed concerns of the landscape impact of a canal basin within the country park setting near to the A53 though he also felt that the Council would generally be supportive of plans to build a new canal terminus at Leek. He also advised that significant water and gas services follow the line of the A53.

A letter was also sent by British Waterways to Jake Berryman, Corporate Director of the Council on 22 June 2004 to advise him of the study and to ensure that the study links to the council's long term strategies for the area particularly in relation to Barnfields Industrial Estate, redevelopment of the cattle market site and the reopening of the Churnet Valley Railway. A presentation of the key findings of the study to the Council was suggested at consultation draft stage.

In December 2004 an invitation to tender was prepared by the Council for the preparation of a Development Brief for the Cornhill Area Action Plan area. Consultants appointed will be required to liaise with British Waterways and ensure that the canal is given due consideration during the preparation of the brief.

Staffordshire County Council

Discussions with John Hooper and Peter Davenport, Highways Department, Staffordshire County Council (SCC) indicated that the Council is likely to resist any proposals for developing an existing junction or creating a new junction on the A53. However creation of a new access from an existing side road like Sunnyhills would probably be satisfactory from their point of view.

Highways also indicated that the idea of a future link to the Macclesfield Canal mentioned in the project brief involving the canal crossing the A53 would be very problematic. SCC would not want a lifting or swing bridge, because the road is a major artery serving Leek. Altering the vertical alignment would be difficult and survey information would be essential to progress this option.

Environment Agency

The Environment Agency confirmed that the Leek Arm study proposals are within or close to the River Churnet Flood plain. Input data can be supplied by the Environment Agency once the project reaches detailed design stage. A hydraulic analysis will also be necessary to assess affects. The Environment Agency has supplied a plan showing the areas at risk of flooding each side of the River Churnet.

Severn Trent Water

Existing services - STW provided detailed plans of sewers for all option locations. Detailed plans of water mains were also provided.

STW confirmed that, in principle, a new length of canal could pass over buried services provided no load was transferred onto the pipe. This could be achieved by building foundations of bridging structure, clear of 45 degree line from pipe.

STW consider that a canal running parallel would have no affect on their services if it was kept beyond 5 metres from the service.

In May 2004 STW confirmed that no installation of new services is planned for this area. STW confirmed that any diversion of major pipes as a result of the construction of a new length of canal would be undertaken by STW in terms of design and construction and they could provide costs when definitive proposals were known.

In August 2004, further information was received from Severn Trent indicating that an approximately £6M project is planned to install a sewer pipe and rising main from the golf course west of the A53 to the corner of Sunnyhill Road, access road to the country park, along Sunnyhill Road and south along Barnfield Road to the turning circle then east to the railway embankment. Works to commence on site October 2004. The works would impact particularly on study options 1, 2 and 4.

Other Utilities

Services searches were carried out to determine the location of existing services within the study area. Information was received from British Telecom, Transco and Central Network.

A summary plan showing approximate route of services passing through the study area is attached.

Leek End Week End Questionnaire

A canal festival was held on 29 and 30th May 2004 to mark the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the Caldon Canal. A number of displays were on show at the festival and two display boards were prepared for the event to let visitors know of the corridor study. A short questionnaire was also prepared to gauge local and visitor support for enhanced facilities and possible mooring basin. A copy of the questionnaire and a summary of the responses are included within the appendices.



PRELIMINARY



Alternative locations
for proposed canal
basin

This Drawing to be read in
conjunction with the risk register.
For fuller details see individual
suppliers plans

Highways, Transco, Severn Trent,
BT & Central Network have
equipment in Sunnyhill Road,
Barnfield Road & A53

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Record of Telephone Conversation

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Project No 212682

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| Between (for MMG) | Date | Time |
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| SFR | 05/06.08.04 | |
| And (name) | Organisation | Phone No. |
| Robert Smith | Carl Bro | 0113 307 3091 |
| Subject | | |
| Proposed new sewer | | |

Summary

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MM confirmed receipt of Severn Trent letter on 4th August and copy of Carl Bro drawing 120479/02/6105. Severn Trent had confirmed at meeting in their offices on 17th May 2004 that no significant work was planned for this area.

RS reported:

Project costs in the order of £6m. Negotiated contract to be let in October 2004. Barnfield industrial estate is contaminated. Borehole at east end of Sunnyhill Road went through suspected former glue works site.

The scheme extends from the golf course west of the A53 to the corner of Sunnyhill Road and the Country Park service Road; along Sunnyhill Road; south along Barnfield Road to the turning circle then east to the railway embankment.

From the golf course to Sunnyhill Road it is a 1200 dia gravity sewer about 10m below ground. At Sunnyhill Road the sewer discharges into a shaft with submersible pumps. The sewer then becomes a 500mm dia rising main 1 to 2m deep going eastwards. A number of sites were considered for the pumping station. The Country Park was avoided, partly because rare orchids were found. The area near the scrap yard was avoided because of particular contamination issues.

MM asked if it was feasible to move the rising main north to avoid the basin for route 2. RS thought the Project was too far advanced for this to be done. RS reported that the existing 750mm dia east-west sewer may be kept. The north/south sewer would be diverted into the station, but the surface water drain kept.

MM requested ground and pipe invert levels at Sunnyhill Road and at the railway to allow MM to assess impact on canal routes 2 & 4. MM asked if they had had discussions with the Railway Society about the Works. RS said they hadn't.

MM asked if noise and odour might be a problem if a basin was located near the station. RS confirmed that the shaft is vented to the atmosphere, but didn't think odour would be significant. However, Kerrygold have apparently raised a planning objection about possible odour problems. RS thought noise would be about the same as present background levels. However, MM suggested that it might be audible at night and this would need to be investigated.

CARL Bro are meeting British Waterways (BW) soon to discuss the proposed sewer Works at the west end where it is close to the canal channel.

Action

SFR advised British Waterways by voice mail and e-mail on 05.08.04. Spoke with Kate Lynch am 05.08.04 and will send written commentary as soon as Carl Bro have provided level information. KL requested copy of drawing if possible. BW will issue an addendum to the text they have already issued to the Steering Committee. Andy Wilkinson BW met the Committee yesterday to discuss the text.

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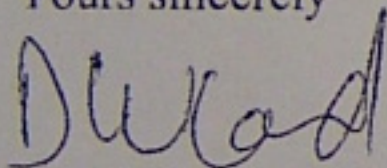
Re British Waterways Caldon Canal Leek, proposed sewer works

With reference to your email dated 30 June 2004, I can confirm that Severn Trent Water does have proposals for sewer improvements in the vicinity of the Caldon Canal Leek Arm. I am pleased to enclose a copy of a drawing no 120479/02/6105 showing the location of the proposed works. I have highlighted the works in red.

Based on our original discussion regarding possible sites for a new canal terminous and sanitary station, it appears that there may be conflict between our proposals. If you would like to discuss our works in more detail, please contact our consultant, Carl Bro. The design engineer is Chris Bolton who can be contacted on 0113 307 3119.

For any other issues such as protection of sewers and water mains please contact myself.

Yours sincerely



Derek Lord – Assistant Manager, Network Development

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HOW DO YOU SEE LEEK'S CANAL?

QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

A canal festival was held at Leek on 29th and 30th May 2004 to mark the 30th anniversary of the restoration of the Caldon Canal. A short questionnaire was prepared for the event to gauge support for enhanced facilities and possible mooring basin at the end of the Leek Arm.

The Leek End weekend event was well attended. As part of display material on show at the event, a questionnaire was made available to all in attendance.

The short questionnaire, copy appended, comprised a mix of direct questions, ranked preferences on existing and future uses of the canal and included a section for further comments and suggestions and recording of any local issues, technical detail or historical information. A Visitors Book was also available to allow visitors to add further comments.

A total of 65 questionnaires were completed. Responses to the questionnaire are summarised below.

ABOUT YOU ...

1. How far from the canal at Leek do you live?

| | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| 0 - 1 mile | 34% | 1 - 5 miles | 25% | 5 - 20 miles | 25% | More than 20 miles | 16% |
|------------|-----|-------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------------|-----|

2. How have you arrived today?

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|-----------------------------------|----|
| Using your own boat | 2% | By hire boat | 0% | By trip boat | 0% | By bicycle | 2% |
| By public transport | 0% | By car | 63% | On foot | 29% | Other (please give details below) | 1% |

3. Have you visited the Leek Arm of the Caldon Canal before?

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----|
| Yes | 68% | No | 32% |
|-----|-----|----|-----|

4. How often do you visit the canal?

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|---------|-----|
| Most days | 7% | Weekly | 18% | Monthly | 10% |
| Several times a year | 20% | Once a year or less | 33% | | |

5. If you do visit the canal, for what purpose / interest do you use it?

Choose all that apply; mark your primary interest with a 1, secondary 2, etc.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Boating | 6 | Exercising dog | 7 |
| Walking | 1 | Industrial heritage | 5 |
| Cycling | 6 | Fishing | 8 |
| Attractive scenery | 3 | Peace and tranquillity | 2 |
| Wildlife/ Bird Watching | 4 | Other (please give details below) | 9 |

ABOUT THE CANAL ...

6. Do you think the canal aqueduct should be restored to hold water again?

| | | |
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| Yes | No | Don't know |
| 91% | 9% | |

7. What type of amenities would you like to see at the end of the canal?

Choose all you like; mark your first preference with a 1, second 2, etc.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|----|
| Seating | 4 | Pedestrian access / access for all | 2 |
| Vehicle access and car parking | 3 | Café | 5 |
| Signage / information / walk routes | 1 | Restaurant | 8 |
| Trip boat / Restaurant boat base | 4 | Pub | 6 |
| Hire boat base | 7 | Boat-building / repairs base | 7 |
| Leave the canal as it is | 9 | Other (please give details below) | 10 |

8. What type of facilities do you think would be useful at the end of the canal to attract more boats to visit Leek?

Choose all you like; mark your first preference with a 1, second 2, etc.

| | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| Security | 7 | Signage / information / walk routes | 3 |
| Vehicle access and car parking | 2 | Service station (toilets, sanitary station, pump out, showers) | 1 |
| Visitor moorings on existing line of canal | 5 | Permanent moorings on existing line of canal | 8 |
| Visitor moorings in a new basin | 4 | Permanent moorings in a new basin | 6 |
| Leave the canal as it is | 9 | Other (please give details below) | 0 |

9. If new amenities and facilities were created, would you visit:

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|------------|----|----------|-----|------------|----|
| More often | 61% | Less often | 0% | The same | 26% | Don't know | 8% |
| No response | 5% | | | | | | |

10. Boaters: If new moorings were created, would you prefer to moor in:

| | | | |
|---|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Countryside setting, at outskirts of the town | 26% | Closer to Leek town centre | 20% |
| No response | 54% | | |

11. If improved moorings were created would you stop at Leek to visit the town itself?

| | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|----|----|------------|----|
| Yes | 37% | No | 0% | Don't know | 8% |
| No response | 55% | | | | |

12. If not, where would you stop for facilities, provisions, pub, eating out etc

Endon, Hollybush, Denford, Stone, Stoke Top Lock were all noted as current mooring sites.



How do you see Leek's Canal?

QUESTIONNAIRE

The Caldon Canal Society, The Inland Waterways Association and British Waterways are investigating ways of improving and developing the terminus of the canal at Leek to provide a new, positive destination and to renew the town's connection with its canal.

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to answer these questions to let us know what future you would like to see for the canal at Leek.

Once you have completed the questionnaire please hand it in at the Information Point in the marquee. Thank you for your time.

Please tick your answer to each question

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| Yes | | No | | Don't know | |
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12. If not, where would you stop for facilities, provisions, pub, eating out etc

Please use the space below for any further comments or ideas. We are particularly interested in any specific local issues, historical information or technical detail and would be delighted to talk further with you – contact us at the Information Point in the Marquee.

Thank you for your time