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Shropshire Council Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDEV) Plan

Pre-Submission Draft (Final Plan) 17 March 2014 – 28 April 2014

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S14.2(xi): Weston Rhyn, Rhoswiel, Wern and Chirk Bank

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Support Object

No	
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Sound	Yes 🖂	No

Yes 🗠

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The policy r equires that development will be "subject to design m easures which
maintain the existing 'green corridor' and re spect the setting of the Llangolle n
Canal." This is welcomed by the Tr ust as our p riorities relate to the canal corridor
and land and development within and imme diately adjacent to the corridor. We
would require any development to; not adversely affect the integrity of the waterway
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encroachment; detrimentally affect t he landscape, heritage, ecological quality and
character of the waterways; prevent the waterways potential for being fully unlocked
or discourage the use of the waterway net work. The wat erways can be used as
tools in p lace making and place shaping, and contrib ute to the creation o f
sustainable communities. We seek any devel opment to relate appropriately to the
waterway and optimise the benefits such a location can generate for all parts of the
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We welcome the requirements of the policy for canalside development proposals to enhance the canal's role as a multifunctional r esource. The multi-functions of the canals include: an agent of or catalyst for regeneration; a contributor to water supply and transfer, drainage and flood management; a tourism, cultural, sport, leisure and recreation r esource; a heritage lan dscape, op en space and ecolog ical resource; sustainable modes of transport; and routes for tele communications; support ing climate change, carbon reduction and sustainability.

We also welcome the canals and ca nal lines being protected against other forms of development which conflicts with their multifunctional use or potential for restoration or regeneration. Canals are successfully being used as too ls in place-making and place-shaping; in attracting and ge nerating investment; and in improving the qualit y of life in areas undergoing transformational change throu gh regeneration, renew al and growth.

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We welcome the requirement for marina applicants to also consult the Canal and River Trust at pre-application stage.

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Whilst a marina development may well satisfy various land-use planning considerations and be appropriate in many respects, in order to be delivered, it would have to successfully pass through the Canal & River Trust's own application process. It would also have to obtain the necessary connection agreement which would permit it to physically connect to the Tru st's waterway network.

The acceptability or otherwise of a marina or ot her offline mooring proposal to the Trust is based p rimarily on consideration of availability of wate r reso urces, navigational safety considerations and potential impact s on SSSIs. For each new applicant in the Trust's process, the assessment of water resources takes account of the other applications in the Trust's process at that time, and the cu mulative impact is considered. Over time, sch emes may be withdrawn or removed from the process - either volunt arily or by th e Trust where there is a lack of progress, which can change the position regarding accept ability of new schemes seeking to enter the Trust's process. Environmental factors, together with new or changes to existing commercial abstractions (such as from farming, utilities companies and other industries) can also impact on the availability of water resources.

Therefore, due to the way in which the Trust's process works, a site may be deliverable in respect of water resources at the time that the plan is prepared by the LPA (if the site is in our process) but may not be deliverable on adoption or during the lifetime of the plan if the applicant has withd rawn or is removed from the process. A site allocated for a marina in a development plan may n ot be delivered if it comes ba ck into the Trust's process and insufficient water resources were available.

Marina pro posals in the Trust' s pro cess are confidential until su ch time as the appli cant determines they wish to make the proposal public knowledge, and there may be a number of proposals in the pro cess at any given time on a p articular waterway. As waterways (and hydraulic units) may span seve ral lo cal authority bo undaries, it is po ssible that pro posals falling within different lo cal authority areas could have implications for site al locations for marina developments in another local authority area.

Consequently, it is difficult for both the Trus t and a ccordingly the LPA, to determine the deliverability of a scheme, given the competing factors and vari ables between the Trust's own a pplication process, the planning process and the timescales involve d in both plan preparation/adoption and actual delivery of marina schemes from initial proposal to commencement of work on site.

The Council appear to have generally addressed this issue by allocating the site for Leisure and Tourism uses and requiring such uses to com ply with policy MD11. This is set in the context that policy MD11 seeks to address the matter of the availability of water resources. To ensure effectiveness, in terms of deliverability, we do however feel that it would be more appropriate to provide a potential list of uses for the site. We feel that this can be easily addressed and set this out below.

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Schedule S8.1c: Leisure/Tourism Sites. Site - Land South of Ellesmere. Within the Development guidelines replace the word "*including*" in the following sentence with "*such as*":

"Land allocation is for the purpose of leisure and tourism and comprising various related uses suitable for canalside rather than town centre, including *such as*; hotel, marina, leisure centre, touring caravan and log cabin sites, and a garden centre";

The use of the word including implies a degree of acceptance of deliverability of the marina use despite the provisions of policy MD11 which seeks to address matters relating to water resources. The use of the words "such as" would overcome any issues

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importance of safeguard	ing and where	possible enhance	ing the land	lscape charad	cter
and amenity value of the	e Shropshire U	<i>nion Canal."</i> Our	priorities re	late to the ca	inal
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