

Derby City Council Conservation officer comments:

Please find the comments that I have made already through the pre-pre-app process attached.

In terms of the works to the Darley Abbey part of the DVMWHS and looking at the figure 2.10 I think that there is scope to lessen the groundworks and therefore the impact on these fields. They currently form an important part of the agricultural fields which are part of the OUV (Outstanding Universal Value) of the Derwent Valley World Heritage Site and this was proved under the recent public inquiry and the appeal that was dismissed. I am concerned that if these earthworks were undertaken which would have serious damage of the DVMWHS in this area, be contrary to the DVMWHS Management Plan, our Local Plan policies CP20 and AC9 and have a severe negative impact on the DVMWHS OUV.

I note in the information they have referenced the comments we have made on the boundary stone walls, piers and gates at Markeaton Park but I cannot find any reference on whether these can be avoided in terms of impact or at least stone reused in the detailed design. I suggest retaining and reusing material in the detailed design will enable to retain some local distinctiveness in this area.

I have the following heritage comments to make on the consultation document: -

Markeaton Junction

- Markeaton Park is a heritage asset and the stone walls that enclose the park are an important part of the enclosure of the park. I suggest that as much of the wall is retained in the original location. If any walls are to be affected by this proposal I suggest that it is reused and the location where it is to be reused agreed.
- The Heritage Lottery gave a grant for the park including the relocation of the original park gates and railings to a low wall to adjacent to Ashbourne Road. I suggest these are kept in this location.
- I suggest part of the character of this part of the park is it's tree cover. I suggest that any loss of trees should result in appropriate tree planting in an agreed location.

Little Eaton Junction

- **My main concern at this junction is the flood compensation storage area which is located within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. This is near to an area (North Avenue Planning Public Enquiry) where there was a proposal for housing which was refused and dismissed at public enquiry. The character of this area, and it's rural nature, is very sensitive. The proposal would have a harmful impact on the OUV of the DVMWHS. I strongly suggest that other locations outside of the WHS and its buffer zone are looked at if this is needed.**

