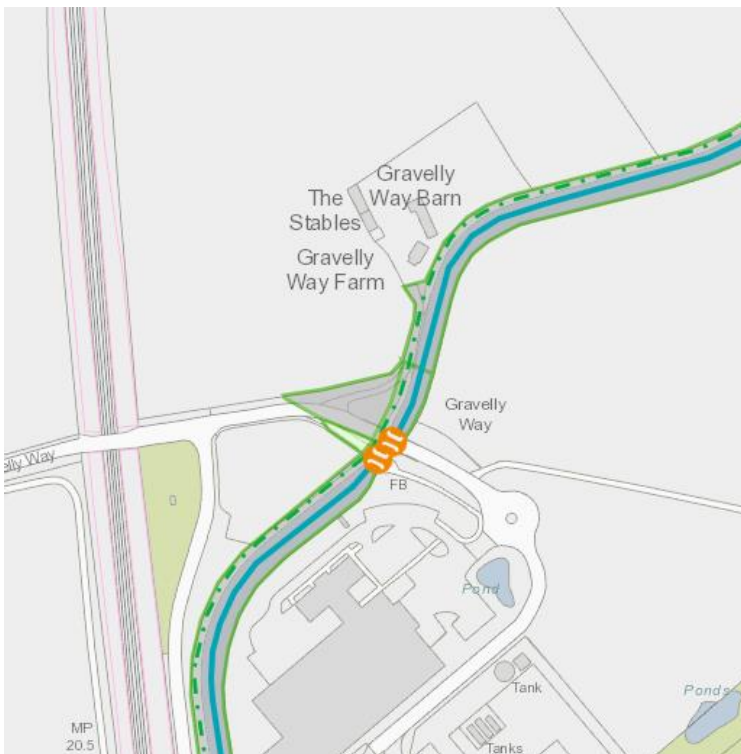


DOCUMENT 5 – Proposals for Accompanied Site Inspection

The Trust are aware that the Examining Authority has already undertaken an Unaccompanied Site Inspection, and this included walking along the towpath from Gailey Canal Bridge through Gailey Wharf and along the canal towpath to Long Moll's Bridge and viewing the site from Calf Heath Reservoir.

In relation to the Accompanied site visit and any future unaccompanied site visits the Trust would make the following suggestions:

- The site and surrounds should be viewed in detail from the towpath and surrounds at Gravelly Way, as shown on the plan extract below. The Trust suggest a viewpoint north of Gravelly Way Barn to view the canal corridor and views towards the location of the proposed road crossing and the existing bridges at Gravelly Way. The view towards the bridge from the south should also be included.
- Observing the towpath between these points in detail will aid in assessing the impact the introduction of a third crossing here will have on the character and user experience of this section of the canal corridor. In addition, a detailed observation of the existing heritage value of Bridge 78 and the impact of Bridge 78a on its character and setting should be carried out. Views should be taken from the towpath and the bridge itself.



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- The Trust consider it would be useful for the Examining Authority, in considering the effects on the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal and its associated infrastructure (objective 13), to view the site from the towpath and via a boat trip along the canal from Hatherton Marina to Gailey, as a minimum. The view from the water can be quite different to the surrounds and result in a different perspective of the development proposed.
- It is noted that a walking tour of Penkridge has been undertaken though it is suggested that the linkages to the canal from Penkridge are also viewed. In addition, the canal corridor from Penkridge to the A5 should be viewed. (Viewpoints 25-27 ES Document 6.2 Figure 12.7) This is to observe the condition of the existing towpath outside the WMI Order Limits; character and setting of the canal within the wider rural landscape; and visibility of the site from the towpath. The Trust consider this could be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.
- The canal corridor south of Long Molls Bridge, past Hatherton Marina, taking in the Hatherton Canal (includes Viewpoints 7-9 ES Document 6.2 Figure 12.7) should be viewed to observe the condition of the existing towpath outside the WMI Order Limits; character and setting of the canal within the wider rural landscape; and visibility of the site from the towpath. The Trust consider this could be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.
- The Trust consider it would also be beneficial to view the towpath south of Hatherton Marina to the i54 site and the M54 crossing. This would provide a wider understanding of the character and features of Staffordshire & Worcestershire canal, such as bridge crossings and the condition of the existing towpath outside the WMI Order Limits. The Trust consider this could be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.

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