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Hi all,

See attached for comments and suggested amendments to the canal DPD currently out to consultation, however to summarise:

- Section 1 (Background)

LPAs are not responsible for determining whether or not building's meet the national criteria for listing, so have changed the wording slightly. It could be worth adding here a reference to our current Local List and that consideration will be given to locally listing existing non-designated heritage assets? Have also amended the wording to state current NPPF (rev. 2018) policy, not the old 2012 version…

- Section 2 (Context)

I think there are a series of errors under the Context section, including referring to the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal, which is outside our District.
Photographs, pictures, documents etc. – throughout the document there is a notable absence of where these have been sourced from, with no date of publications and sourcing of Wikipedia (which is not a source as wiki. usually has several authors for one page – there are usually links to sources under each article). Recommend also that more annotations are considered throughout.

- Section 3 (The Canal Conservation Area)

This section needs to better relate to the wording of national legislation and policy in relation to CAs and our statutory obligations. Incorrectly quotes H1-H4 of the Local Plan – this should be HE1-HE4.

- 4.6 (HS2) of Section 4

The supporting text to the HS2 plan does not make the route very clear – would suggest stating which character length is to be affected, or distance from nearest town (which I think is Radford Semele or Offchurch?). Should we really be stating that the route affects 'thankfully a very small section of the canal'?

- Section 5

Suggest slight rewording to 5.1. Reference to Montague Road (5.15) application (W/19/0170) states that it is currently being assessed, however this was refused in August.

- Section 6

Minor changes throughout, however policy CS1 at the moment generally reflects and repeats BE1. This policy needs to be more strongly worded to relate to what specifically development on and around the canal should aim towards,

e.g. attractive frontages, sympathetic materials, strong industrial characteristics and consideration given to surrounding heritage assets. CS3 should also refer to the need for applicants to submit Heritage Statements.

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