

Responses to Representations made on the Pre-submission Draft Stratford Neighbourhood Development Plan

Policy CLW8

Representations:

Total received: 11

Number in Support: 7

Number neutral or outside scope of NDP: 4

Number of objections: 0

Summary of Representations

Generally supportive.

Modification Proposed:

This policy has been combined with CLW7 and renumbered CLW5.

Individual Representations and Steering Group Responses

Code Number	Full Name	Organisation represented (where applicable)	Policy CLW8	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Response
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Residents' Comments				
039	Katherine Burnett	Canal & River Trust	Policy CLW6 – Promoting New Strategic Green Open Spaces and Policy CLW8 – Protecting and Enhancing Existing Public Routes identify the canal and towpaths as public routes. We wish to highlight that the towpath is not a public right of way and as such access is invited and it is we as the land owner who would give permission for access to and across our land.	Noted
041	Michael Bird	The Ramblers' Association, Warwickshire Area	Rights of Way, in the case of public footpath SB7 which runs into Stratford from the Welcombe Hills, the final 220 metres of this footpath (which logically terminates at an existing kissing gate giving access onto Welcombe Road) does not enjoy the protection of being recorded on the Definitive Map. This omission came about because under the original provisions of the National Parks Under Policy CLW8, Protecting and Enhancing Existing Public Routes, it should be noted that while there are a number of footpaths and bridleways within the Stratford-upon-Avon Neighbourhood Development Plan area which enjoy the legal protection of being recorded on the Warwickshire Definitive Map of Public and Access to the Countryside Act of 1949, public rights of way within urban areas were not required to be recorded	Noted but outside scope of NDP

			<p>on the Definitive Map. This exemption however was subsequently revoked by the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981, which extended the Definitive Map to all formerly excluded areas. On the 10th May 2009, Warwickshire Ramblers put in a claim to Warwickshire County Council for a Modification Order to add this length of footpath to the Definitive Map. This application was accepted and appears on the County's register of claims as MZ895. A chronic shortage of staff and an abundance of other claims have, to date, prevented the County Council from adjudicating on this claim. However, given the fact that this footpath forms the eastern boundary of the 1.48 acres site known as the 'Benson Road Parcel' which we understand Stratford Town Trust may still sell-off for housing development, an early resolution of this claim for the legal recognition of this well used footpath would seem to be highly desirable, and possibly a matter of concern for the Neighbourhood Development Plan too.</p>	
056	Martyn Luscombe	Stratford Voice	<p>Support. The requirement that "No new development should reduce the amenity currently enjoyed by the public route users..." currently in the Explanation should be incorporated into the Policy.</p>	<p>Supportive. Wording of new policy CLW5 will be amended</p>
057	Trevor Honychurch		<p>Strongly agree</p>	<p>Supportive.</p>
081	Nicholas Oliver		<p>In agreement. Unfortunately, existing pedestrian routes are still being closed down without good reason. An example would be the short cut pedestrian route behind the Stratford upon Avon Visitor Centre on the one-way system.</p>	<p>Supportive.</p>
095	Eric Ward		<p>Of course</p>	<p>Supportive.</p>

119	Liz Thompson, Director of Communications	Royal Shakespeare Company	We hope this policy will explicitly reference the Historic Spine and its opportunities and benefits for locals and visitors alike.	Noted
183	Sharon Taylor	Tiddington Village Residents' Association	TVRA would like it to be acknowledged that there are public footpaths around and going through sites 2a, 2b and 2c	Noted
201	Graham John Nicholson	The Inland Waterways Assoc. (Warks branch)	Agree	Supportive.
226	Debs Campton		Policy sound to protect and enhance public routes - we prize our diverse range of routes and walkways which give the district its special character.	Supportive.
228	John Campton		Yes	Supportive.