3987 Object

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Respondent: Inland Waterways Association (IWA)

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Summary:

The housing allocation at Boscomoor Lane, Penkridge has had no public consultation as it was not proposed in the 2021 Preferred Options plan. It is unnecessary given the major housing allocation North of Penkridge. It is Green Belt land, the suggestion that it has lower value is subjective, and no very special circumstances have been demonstrated. Despite a key requirement being to retain and reinforce trees and hedgerow to protect views from the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal Conservation Area, it will significantly damage its open rural setting. This is not justified nor consistent with national policy on Green Belt.

Change suggested by respondent:

Delete the housing allocation at Boscomoor Lane, Penkridge.

Legally compliant: No

Sound: No

Comply with duty: Yes

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Appear exam: Appearance at the examination

Oral exam why: To explain the value of the canal and its conservation, and the adverse impacts of increasing

urbanisation of its setting.

Attachments: None