

Main Matter 8 – Environmental Policies

Policy EN4: Canals

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a) No change

b) The project for the restoration of the Hatherton Canal will be required to demonstrate that it will have no adverse effects on the Cannock Extension Canal SAC/SSSI. A detailed Habitats Regulations¹ Appropriate Assessment will be required to evaluate all relevant implications of the project for the site in view of its conservation objectives, to ascertain that the project would not adversely affect the integrity of the SAC contrary to the Habitats Regulations, and must also take into account in-combination effects. Proposals to designate the line of the restoration project as a heritage trail and/or green corridor will be supported provided that doing so would not preclude future proposals to restore the canal network.

c) No change

d) No change

e) No change

f) No change

g) For development proposals to restore sections of the canal network applicants will be expected to demonstrate that sufficient water resources exist, and that works will not adversely affect the existing canal network or the environment.

Reference to mineral extraction to be included in text.

¹ The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, as amended.