

## Wellington Heath Parish Council

7 Mar 2018

To HCC Planning Mr Alastair Wager  
Copy Ward Councillor E P J Harvey

Planning application 180385 - Canal Side Field, Burton Lane off Bromyard Road,  
Wellington Heath, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1NF

Dear Sir,

Wellington Heath Parish Councillors are not opposed to this planning application, the siting and attention to landscaping are consistent with NDP policy WH6.12.

However, a permissive footpath along the route of the old canal would be beneficial for safer pedestrian access from the proposed site to Ledbury, NDP policy WH16 is relevant. The application mentions the use of minibuses but we note that fruit pickers often walk into Ledbury as well. A permissive path would also be beneficial for pedestrian access from Ledbury to the adjacent Ledbury Allotment Association who have previously noted that the absence of a footpath causes their members to make unnecessary car journeys. We acknowledge that some of the route may not be under the control of Withers Farm but anticipate that the remainder of the route may achieve permissive access in the event of a planning application from Hilltop Farm.

C F Rozelaar

Chair of Wellington Heath parish council planning committee