Communication between WNPG and Warwickshire County Council September 2014

From: Deanna Fernie

Sent: 06 September 2014 13:00

To: Jamie Perry, Roger Harrison, Alan Griffith

Subject: Re: Wilmcote HER

Hi Jamie, Alan and Roger,

I've had a look through these very detailed records, as far as I have been able. I have not been able to open the one labelled 'Thumbs' or the final section on GIS Data.

My question about the original site of the medieval chapel near Swanfold has been answered: it's within the housing strip already, not in the fields adjoining the housing. Can we presume that there would be no further archeological activity here?

Looking through the maps and the records there are some archeological events I would want to ask about:

1. EWA 7583 marks the quarry which is across the road from the entrance to Swanfold (I think this is the one behind the Mason's Arms) and potentially affects proposed Site 9.

2. There are Bronze Age and Roman mounds (e.g. MWA 1579) 500m east of Pathlow, but no visual evidence. From memory, these would not affect the Pathlow sites under consideration.

3. There are sites within the current village such as the Wilmcote Smithy MWA 7697, 100 metres north of the church, that may need to be reviewed if the recreation area is moved.

4. On the HLC map there is an area to the west of the field housing the Edkins Park mobile homes that is designated as public open space. I think this includes the drive that leads to the footpath, but my perception is that these areas are enclosed and privately owned - is that right?

5. Just out of interest, EWA 10184 is across the road from Mary Arden's House and I think refers to the monument listed as the possible site of Robert Arden's House (father of Mary), referred to as 'The Orchard' MWA 7414. This however is not one of the proposed sites for development.)

I would like to know what SHINE refers to, as many of the monuments are referred to as 'possible SHINE candidate'. Site of Historic Interest ......

In terms of Archeological Events records, these mostly pertain to the conservation area around Mary Arden's and the canal, but it seems that records are included for housing extensions (some on School Road, some for 'White Gates', and some for Station Rd).

In terms of listed buildings, I believe that the barn of Mason's Arms is included in the listing. However, unless I missed it, the Wharf is not listed, and neither is Gipsy Hall Farm, which has parts that date back to the 17th Century.

In terms of the HLC (Historic Landscape Character), I would like to ask Ben on HER's view as regards protection of the rural landscape. For example,

- I note with interest that under Gipsy Hall Farm HWA 15521, the fields are 'piecemeal' rather than modern large enclosures, and that there has been 'less than 50% change' to this 'pre 1880s Historical Farmstead'.

- the area which is our possible Site 1 is described as 'paddock and closes' HWA 15517, and I wonder if there is any historical issue regarding this? (It is also the site of 'potential ecological interest' that we need to investigate with SDC.)

Do let me know if there are other points you noticed, and also if you've been able to open the documents I couldn't.

I would be happy to write back to Ben with our collated comments.

I'm also willing to put together the A4 sheet Alan requested in last week's meeting summarising Environmental Factors, which I will draw from the draft sector report and Ben's data. Jamie - could you give me your additions to the Sector Report Draft, please?

I'll try to forward the A4 sheet to you, Alan, before your meeting with Matthew Neal this week, as it's important these factors are part of your discussion with him.

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you,

Deanna

From: Ben Wallace

To: deannafernie

CC: alan.griffith; crogerharrison; jamie.perry

Sent: Fri, 5 Sep 2014 11:05

Subject: Re: Wilmcote HER

​​Deanna,

Please find attached the HER records for the parish of Wilmcote. They consist of the following:

Archaeological Monuments

Archaeological Events (activity)

Listed Buildings

Ridge and Furrow

Historic Landscape Character (HLC)

There are maps showing all these records in JPEG format with a PDF of the maps combined together.

In addition to this there are detailed records extracted from the HER database for Monuments, Events, Listed Buildings and HLC. These are as PDF documents.

I have also included the GIS information in ESRI Shape format, in case you were using or had access to a GIS (they are produced as part of the data extraction process anyway)

I have had to zip the data and share it through our Google Drive but hopefully you can access it.

If you have any problems then please let me know.

As we previously discussed it is probably best if you have a good look through what I have sent you and then arrange a visit to come and see us so we can discuss further.

Kind regards,

Ben

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On 6 August 2014 10:24, Deanna Fernie wrote:

Dear Ben,

I am writing to you as one of the members of the Wilmcote Neighbourhood Planning Group and am working with Jamie Perry who is heading up the Environmental Sector report for our group. Alan Griffith has forwarded your email exchange to me (below), and I wondered if I might take you up on your offer to come in to the Records Office to look at further documents that you hold regarding the Parish of Wilmcote and Pathlow?

Your colleague Anna Stocks advised me that you will be returning from holiday in a couple of weeks from August 16, and in the meantime she has kindly offered to forward any information that you may have sent to Alan over email (he now is also away on holiday). Jamie and I will look over anything we can before the visit so that our questions can be as focused as possible.

Many thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you upon your return.

Kind regard,

Deanna Fernie

-----Original Message-----

From: Alan Griffith

Sent: 25 June 2014 15:32

To: 'historicenvironmentrecord@warwickshire.gov.uk'

Cc: 'benwallace@warwickshire.gov.uk'

Subject: RE: Wilmcote

Dear Ben

Many thanks for your email, very useful.

It would seem very sensible if you could send me copies of the information you hold on the Historical Environment Record for the Parish of Wilmcote.

You will also appreciate that the Parish also includes Pathlow.

It is accepted that the information is for general information purposes only and we need to use that information and other information available before making an informed view when selecting sites for possible development.

With regard to the maps, they would be very useful and appreciate they are not for recirculation or printing. You will appreciate that we are registered to receive copies of OS maps etc as part of the NP process.

It would seem sensible if the information is sent by post. Address The Wharf, Wharf Lane, Wilmcote, CV37 9UR

Kind Regards

Alan Griffith

From: historicenvironmentrecord@warwickshire.gov.uk

[mailto:historicenvironmentrecord@warwickshire.gov.uk]

Sent: 17 June 2014 16:11

To: Alan Griffith

Cc: Ben Wallace

Subject: Wilmcote

Dear Alan,

I apologise for taking so long in getting back to you, things have been very busy here of late.

I can certainly send you information that we hold on the Historic Environment Record (HER) for the parish of Wilmcote, if that would help.

This information includes archaeological sites and monuments, archaeological activity (such as excavations, field walking etc), historic landscape character as well as details of the sources of evidence used to compile all these records. We also hold a variety of physical sources of information in our offices including aerial photographs, books, journals, archaeology fieldwork reports, further information files etc.

What may be best is if I send you the information we have for the parish extracted from our database and GIS and then you have a look at it and see if you would like to consult our physical sources further. If you are drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan then other groups have found this method followed by a visit to our office very useful.

This information from the HER can be used to help inform or develop a section in your eighbourhood Plan on the heritage or historic environment of your area. It could also be used to develop draft policies on the historic environment that your Neighbourhood Plan may recommend. We would never say information from the HER can be used to restrict housing development, instead we would say that the data or information from the HER goes to inform our understanding of the historic environment in the area and that this then needs to be taken into account in planning. Information

On the HER is a material consideration in planning and is quoted in the NPPF as one of the definitive sources of information about the historic environment.

In terms of historic mapping, although we have digital copies of these that we can email or print and send out, it is unfortunately restricted by licence and so it would have to be for non-publication and research purposes only.

In terms of the sort of surveys necessary to reduce risk when selecting sites, I think you are talking about the type of work such as an historic environment assessment to highlight any sensitive areas and what the level of impact and mitigation might be necessary if certain developments were proposed. This would be something that would be discussed normally with the Planning Archaeologist at a pre application or planning application stage, we would generally expect this work to be carried out by professional archaeological companies and is usually a requirement aimed at the proposed developer rather than say a parish council or local community group.

However, there is no reason why you could no commission your own historic environment assessment of the area, to show areas of sensitivity or where impacts might occur relating to the historic environment. I am happy to discuss this further if you wish.

I hope this has gone some way to answer your questions but feel free to email me or call me if you have any questions or if you would like information from the HER for your area.

Kind regards,

Ben Wallace

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Your Comments :

I am Chairman of the local Neighborhood Planning Group in Wilmcote Parish.

Please advise who we should contact re information that may restrict housing development in the Parish.

Also are there maps of historical workings, if so how can we obtain copies.

In addition what sort of surveys are necessary to reduce risks when selecting sites.

Look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Warwickshire County Council,

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