


**NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER**

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I, Cllr Marcus Hart, as Strong Leader, delegate the decision, on Public Consultation Exercise for the Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway, as detailed in the Forward Plan to the Cabinet Member detailed below:

**Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration**

Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016  
Signed: 

Leader of the Council

**FORM 2**


**NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER**

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In accordance with the authority delegated to me / by the Leader (delete as appropriate), I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
Consultation Exercise on the draft Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway	Delegated authority be given to the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place to conduct a 6 week public consultation exercise commencing on 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2016 to consider the draft Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway.  Any responses and amendments to the Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway will be reported to the Planning Committee.	The draft Local Heritage List has been compiled for the Severn Valley Railway and is contained in Appendix 1.	10.2.16.

**I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.**

Dated: 09/16.  
 Signed: 

Councillor: JOHN CAMPION.....  
**Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration**

**To: Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration**

**From: Director of Economic Prosperity and Place**

**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**Public Consultation Exercise for the draft Local Heritage List  
for the Severn Valley Railway**

**1. PURPOSE**

1.1 To seek approval for a public consultation exercise in order to consider the draft Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 To delegate authority to the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place to conduct a 6 week public consultation exercise commencing on 22<sup>nd</sup> February to consider the draft Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway

2.2 To report to Planning Committee any responses and amendments to the Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway as an outcome of that exercise.

**3. BACKGROUND**

**3.1 Local Heritage Lists**

The Local Heritage List plays an important role in celebrating heritage that is valued by the community at the local level.

3.2 The process of preparing a Local Heritage List allows local people to identify local heritage that they would like recognised and protected. It is also an opportunity for local authorities and communities to work in partnership to jointly identify heritage assets that are valued as distinctive elements of the local historic environment. Creating a Local Heritage List also helps to improve access to clear, comprehensive and current information about the historic environment at the local level through resources such as Heritage Environment Records (HERs).

3.3 A Local Heritage List provides clarity on the location of assets and what it is about them that is significant, guaranteeing that strategic local planning properly takes account of the desirability of their conservation.

3.4 It is important to note that the Local Heritage List is a non-statutory list.

### **3.5 Policy Background**

The National Planning Policy Framework published on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Section 12 sets out the Government's agenda for Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.

- 3.6 The NPPF states (at para. 126) that Local planning authorities should recognise that heritage assets are an irreplaceable resource and conserve them in a manner appropriate to their significance.
- 3.7 The NPPF (at para. 128) states that in determining applications [for development], local planning authorities should require an applicant to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting.
- 3.8 This means that a local authority may recognise certain heritage assets as having heritage significance meriting consideration in planning matters. So for example where planning permission is being considered, the fact that a heritage asset appears on the Local Heritage List is a valid consideration when determining the outcome of that application.
- 3.9 The adopted Site Allocations and Policies Local Plan 2006-2026 at section 7.48 explains that the Local Heritage List is being produced on a phased basis and that it is envisaged that the list will continue to be updated in the remainder of the rural areas over the next few years.
- 3.10 The Severn Valley Railway is a major heritage tourist attraction within the District and Policy SAL.GPB5 states that "proposals that enhance the role and function of the SVR will be supported".
- 3.11 The SVR is keen to secure recognition of the historic and architectural interest of those structures along the line, as a precursor to the identification of a linear Conservation Area along its route, and initial informal discussions with SVR management relating to the draft Local Heritage List have been very positive.

### **3.12 The Consultation Process**

#### **a) District Council-led Consultation**

With the exception of one bridge it is understood that all structures proposed for inclusion within the draft Local Heritage List are in the ownership of the Severn Valley Railway.

It is proposed to formally consult both the SVR and owner of the bridge via letter, with the draft List being made available to the public on the Wyre Forest Website; at Bewdley and Kidderminster Public Libraries, and via a notice in the local press.

The SVR will in turn notify its staff, volunteers and shareholders and coordinate a collective response to Wyre Forest District Council.

The consultation period will be 6 weeks commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 with all comments to be received by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

It is anticipated that the results of the Consultation will be reported to the July 2016 Planning Committee.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Arrangements for the public consultation on the draft Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway can be undertaken within existing agreed budgets.

**5. SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

N/A

**6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 It is not a statutory requirement to consult.

**7. CONCLUSION**

7.1 The draft Local Heritage List has been compiled for the Severn Valley Railway and is contained in Appendix 1.

**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

**9. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

N/A

**10. CONSULTEES**

- i) SVR
- ii) Individual owner/occupiers of structures/land proposed for inclusion on the Local Heritage List.
- iii) Kidderminster Town Council, Bewdley Parish Council, Upper Arley Parish Council, Stourport Town Council
- iv) Worcestershire County Council
  - a. Highways

- b. Archive and Archaeology Service
- v) District and County Councillors for the wards through which the SVR runs
- vi) Historic England
- vii) The Environment Agency

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**12. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Draft Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway

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**15<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

## Wyre Forest District Council Draft Severn Valley Railway Local Heritage List

For public consultation January 2016

1=Age; 2=Architectural Interest; 3=Social and Communal Value; 4=Associated with famous people; 5=Rarity; 6=Historic Associations; 7=Landmark

CC No.	North	East	Parish	Qualifying Criteria							Brief Description
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
SVR001	383775.15	276316.67	K	X		X					Coal yard offices early C20
SVR002	383783.12	276293.63	K		X						Kidderminster Town Station Buildings. Victorian design based on Ross on Wyre Station, constructed mid 1980's.
SVR003	383755.95	275994.16	K		X					X	Water Tower
SVR004	383745.87	275991.98	K		X						GWR pattern signal box constructed mid-1980's
SVR005	383753.77	275985.72	K	X							Brick platelayers hut early C20
SVR006	383747.23	276264.74	K	X	X						Brick goods shed C19
SVR007*	383807.57	276160.06	K	X	X	X					Warehouse Late C19
SVR008*	383740	276227	K	X	X						Wrangaton Signal Box GWR pattern recently reconstructed
SVR009	383466.51	275353.96	K	X							SVR Bridge 1 Hoo Road. c.1878. Over bridge constructed in engineering brick with stone copings.
SVR010*	383137.88	275143.05	K	X							SVR Bridge 2 Worcester Road. c.1878. Underbridge constructed in engineering brick with stone copings.
SVR011*	382905.87	275067.08	K	X	X					X	SVR Bridge 3: Falling Sands Viaduct. c.1878. Brick viaduct with stone copings; railings extant 1894 now removed.
SVR012*	382761.04	275020.92	K	X							SVR Bridge 4. c.1878. Underbridge constructed in engineering brick with stone copings.
SVR013*	382269.79	274866.78	K	X							SVR Bridge 5: Stourport Rd. c.1878. Over bridge constructed in engineering brick with stone copings and with benchmark feature on west parapet.
SVR014*	381596.45	274651.54	K	X	X						SVR Bridge 6: Bewdley Tunnel. E.Portal. c.1878. Tunnel - stone portals and revetments, relined in blue brick 1910.
SVR014A	381172.85	274534.41	K	X	X						SVR Bridge 6: Bewdley Tunnel. W. Portal. c.1878. Tunnel - stone portals and revetments, relined in blue brick 1910.
SVR015	380437.71	274566.47	B	X							SVR Bridge 7: Devil's Spittleful. c.1878. Underbridge constructed in engineering brick with stone copings.
SVR016	380306	274610	B	X							Culvert. Rebuilt April 1916
SVR017	380138	274687	B								Culvert C20
SVR018*	379609.76	275115.02	B	X	X					X	SVR Bridge 9: Sandbourne Viaduct. c.1861. Sandstone viaduct.
SVR019	379493.41	275208.58	B	X	X						Bewdley South Signal Box. GWR Type 4 signal box.
SVR020*	379489.64	275215.04	B	X							Privy adjacent to Bewdley South Signal Box.
SVR021A	379988.03	273599.08	SOS	X	X						Tunnel. South Portal. c.1861. Tunnel - stone portals. Brick lined but some rock lining to N end. Modern brick revetment on E side.
SVR021*	379971.09	273696.71	B	X	X						Tunnel N. Portal. c.1861. Tunnel - stone portals. Brick lined but some rock lining to N end
SVR022*	379943.74	274313.85	B	X							Underbridge. c.1861. Stone and Brick Underbridge.
SVR023*	379913.43	274495.91	B	X	X						Occupation Underbridge. Stone. c.1861.
SVR024*	379302.42	275288.71	B	X	X	X					Goods Shed at Bewdley SVR Station. c.1861. Red brick construction to south-east of station. Parapet to walls, with Welsh slate gabled roof
SVR025*	379267.18	275327.42	B	X	X						Bewdley Station Island Platform Canopy. Barrel Arch design; decorative dentil barge boards. Cast iron supporting pillars.
SVR026*	379176.01	275369	B	X	X						Bewdley Station. Iron and timber bridge crossing rail tracks. Dual-pitched roof to canopy, covered in grey roofing felt. Decorative cast iron brackets to internal roof supports.
SVR027*	379186.32	275351.26	B	X	X	X				X	Red brick railway station with rendered ground floor. Welsh slate to roof. Spur finials to gables. Simple barge boards. Stone projecting bay windows to ground floor. Stone surrounds to arch heads on station main building.
SVR027A	379182.94	275386.07		X							Large corrugated shed N of island platform
SVR028*	379130.36	275385.34	B	X	X						Signal Box. Constructed in timber and red brick with slate roofs. Simple external timber staircase. Spur finials to gables.
SVR029	379284.26	275318.34	B	X	X					X	Cast Iron Victorian Gents Urinal. Brought from Melrose, Scotland, 1977
SVR030*	378620.11	275902.94	B	X							SVR Bridge 12: Stone and Brick Underbridge
SVR031*	378266.93	276394.08	KF	X							Vermiculated stone retaining wall with access steps midway along length
SVR032*	378271.04	276421.73	KF	X							Random stone wall 1861; appears completely rebuilt recently.
SVR033	377971	277197	KF	X							SVR Culvert 96. C19. 50m N of MP 138 3/4
SVR034*	377862.54	277375.05	KF	X							SVR Culvert 95: Large blue brick culvert 30" wide 39" high running under railway embankment
SVR035*	377806.21	277476.64	KF		X						Pagoda Waiting Shelter
SVR036*	377794.99	277490.02	KF	X							SVR Culvert 94 Brick/stone culvert 18" w x 30" h, brick h/wall east end
SVR037	377630	277961	KF	X							SVR Culvert 91, south of aqueduct
SVR038*	377535.57	278692.55	KF	X							SVR Culvert 86 18" (15") brick culvert. Brick headwall west end.
SVR039*	376856.58	279035.42	KF	X	X						SVR Bridge 14: Stone overbridge 1861; brick arch; repaired 1915
SVR040*	376792.41	279081.55	KF	X	X					X	SVR Culvert 81 Eyemore Cutting. Victorian syphon culvert to carry stream across cutting - extremely unusual feature
SVR041*	376670.61	279233.15	KF	X							Original GWR land ownership boundary marker on footpath S of Victoria Bridge
SVR042*	376677.81	279241.15	KF	X							Original GWR land ownership boundary marker on footpath N of Victoria Bridge
SVR043*	376555.09	279575.02	UA	X	X						SVR Bridge 16: Fowler designed stone underbridge in near original condition
SVR044*	376414.18	279916.44	UA	X							SVR Bridge 17: Stone overbridge 1861; brick arch; benchmark; repaired 1915.
SVR045*	376372.07	279949.32	UA	X	X						Arley Station down platform waiting shelter. Brick shelter with timber canopy and monopitch roof.
SVR046*	376402.28	279946.9	UA	X	X	X				X	Yellow brick railway station. 1861. Welsh slate to roof. Spur finials to gables. Simple barge boards. Stone projecting bay. Extra bedroom added 1901. windows to ground floor. Stone surrounds to arch heads on station main building.
SVR047*	376411.45	279934.22	UA		X						K6 telephone box - good listing potential as this is in Conservation Area
SVR048*	376348.6	280001.53	UA	X	X						Signal box. Moved from Yorton on the Shrewsbury to Crewe line. C1900.
SVR049*	375347.28	280834.82	UA	X							Historic timber post distant signal - AY UP Distant. c.1900
SVR050*	375321.7	280950.44	UA	X	X						SVR Bridge 18
SVR050A	375416.91	280855.23	UA	X	X						Continuation of Bridge 18 discharges into river, under field - maybe not SVR