

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 (**Approval of a Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway**), as detailed in the Forward Plan to the Cabinet Member detailed below:

COUNCILLOR JOHN CAMPION

Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration

Dated:

26th April 2016

Signed:

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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
Approval of a Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway.	Confirm inclusion of heritage assets identified in Appendix 1 on a newly created Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway.	The version of the Local Heritage List compiled for the Severn Valley Railway is contained in Appendix 1, for approval.	26/11/10.

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

Dated:

Signed:

Councillor:


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JOHN CAMPION
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Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration

To: Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration

From: Director of Economic Prosperity and Place

Date: 25th April 2016

**Approval of a Local Heritage List
for the Severn Valley Railway**

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To confirm the inclusion of the heritage assets identified in Appendix 1 on a newly created Local Heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note those responses received as a result of the public consultation exercise on the draft Local Heritage List which concluded on 4th April 2016, and attached as Appendix 2.

2.2 To agree the creation of the Local heritage List for the Severn Valley Railway and delegate authority to the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place to create and maintain the List for the Severn Valley Railway containing those heritage assets identified on the draft list.

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 (NPPF) published on 27th 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 (SVR) 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

The consultation period was 6 weeks commencing Monday 22nd February 2016 and concluded Monday 4th April 2016. The process was advertised in the press and on the Wyre Forest Website.

b) Response to Consultation

A total of five responses were received of which all were supportive and two made constructive suggestions for the presentation of the data which will be taken on board when the final spreadsheet is uploaded to the Wyre Forest Website.

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. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Heritage List is a non-statutory list.
5.2 It is not a statutory requirement to consult on the Local Heritage List.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The version of the Local Heritage List compiled for the Severn Valley Railway is contained in Appendix 1, for approval.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 The listing of any property or structure does not confer a statutory Listing but only local so there are not the same implications for the landowner. This is a very specific set of listings to the SVR of which they are supportive.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

N/A

9. 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

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Forms 1, 2 and 3 of the Cabinet Member's Decision dated 6th February 2016.

10.2 Site Allocations and Policies Local Plan 2006-2026

10.3 National Planning Policy Framework

11. APPENDICES

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

Appendix 2 – Table of consultation responses

Peter Bassett
Conservation Officer
25th April 2016

Wyre Forest District Council Severn Valley Railway Local Heritage List

APPENDIX 1

CC No.	East	North	Parish	Qualifying Criteria								Brief Description
1=Age; 2=Architectural Interest; 3=Social and Communal Value; 4=Associated with famous people; 5=Rarity; 6=Historic Associations; 7=Landmark; 8=Modern or Replica												
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
SVR001	383775	276316	K	X		X						Coal yard offices early C20
SVR002	383783	276294	K	X		X				X		Kiddminster Town Station building. Victorian design based on Ross on Wyre Station, constructed mid 1980's.
SVR003	383786	275994	K	X								Water Tower
SVR004	383746	275992	K	X						X		GWR pattern signal box constructed mid-1980's
SVR005	383754	275986	K	X						X		Brick platelayers hut early C20
SVR006	383747	276265	K	X								Brick goods shed C19
SVR007	383808	276160	K	X		X				X		Warehouses late C19
SVR008	383740	276227	K	X		X				X		Warehouses Signal Box GWR pattern recently reconstructed
SVR009	383467	275354	K	X								SVR Bridge 1 Hoar Road. c.1878. Over bridge constructed in engineering brick with stone copings.
SVR010	383138	275143	K	X								SVR Bridge 2 Worcester Road. c.1878. Underbridge constructed in engineering brick with stone copings; callings extant 1894 now removed.
SVR011	383906	275621	K	X						X		SVR Bridge 3 Falling Sands Viaduct. c.1878. Brick viaduct with stone copings; callings extant 1894 now removed.
SVR012	382761	275021	K	X								SVR Bridge 4. c.1878. Underbridge constructed in engineering brick with stone copings.
SVR013	382270	274867	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	274652	K	X								SVR Bridge 6. Bewdley Tunnel. E. Portal. c.1878. Tunnel - stone portals and revetments, rained in blue brick 1910.
SVR014A	381123	274534	K	X								SVR Bridge 6. Bewdley Tunnel. W. Portal. c.1878. Tunnel - stone portals and revetments, rained in blue brick 1910.
SVR015	380438	274566	B	X								SVR Bridge 7. Devil's Spittell. c.1878. Underbridge constructed in engineering brick with stone copings.
SVR016	380306	274610	B	X								Culvert. Rebuilt April 1916
SVR017	380138	274687	B	X					X			Culvert C20
SVR018	379610	275115	B	X								SVR Bridge 9. Sandbourne Viaduct. c.1861. Sandstone viaduct.
SVR019	379493	275209	B	X								Bewdley South Signal Box. GWR Type 4 signal box.
SVR020	379490	275215	B	X								Privy adjacent to Bewdley South Signal Box.
SVR021A	379988	273599	SOS	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	273697	B	X								Tunnel N. Portal. c.1861. Tunnel - stone portals. Brick lined but some rock lining to N end
SVR022	379944	274314	B	X								Underbridge. c.1861. Stone and brick Underbridge.
SVR023	379913	274496	B	X								Occupation Underbridge. Stone. c.1861
SVR024	379302	275289	B	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	275327	B	X		X						Bewdley Station Island Platform Canopy. Barrel Arch design; decorative dentil barge boards. Cast iron supporting pillars.
SVR026	379176	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	379166	275351	B	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.
SVR027A	379153	275386		X								Large corrugated shed N of Island platform
SVR028	379130	275385	B	X		X						Signal Box. Constructed in timber and red brick with slate roofs. Simple external timber staircase. Spur finials to gables.
SVR029	379284	275318	B	X		X				X		Cart Iron Victorian Gents Urinal. Brought from Melrose, Scotland, 1977
SVR030	378620	275903	B	X								SVR Bridge 12. Stone and brick Underbridge
SVR031	378257	276394	KF	X								Vermiculated stone retaining wall with access steps midway along length
SVR032	378271	276422	KF	X								Random stone wall 1861; appears completely rebuilt recently.
SVR033	377971	277197	KF	X								SVR Culvert 95. C19. 50m N of MP 138 3/4
SVR034	377861	277375	KF	X								SVR Culvert 95. Large blue brick culvert 30" wide 39" high running under railway embankment
SVR035	377806	277477	KF	X						X		Pagoda Wasting Shelter
SVR036	377795	277490	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	377536	278693	KF	X								SVR Culvert 86 18" (15"?) brick culvert. Brick arch; repaired 1915
SVR039	376857	279035	KF	X								SVR Bridge 14. Stone overbridge 1861; brick arch; brick headwall west end
SVR040	376792	279082	KF	X						X		SVR Culvert 81 Emmore Cutting. Victorian siphon culvert to carry stream across cutting - extremely unusual feature
SVR041	376671	279233	KF	X								Original GWR land ownership boundary marker on footpath S of Victoria Bridge
SVR042	376676	279241	KF	X								Original GWR land ownership boundary marker on footpath N of Victoria Bridge
SVR043	376555	279575	UA	X								SVR Bridge 16. Fowler designed stone underbridge in near original condition
SVR044	376434	279916	UA	X								SVR Bridge 17. Stone overbridge 1861; brick arch; benchmark; repaired 1915
SVR045	376372	279949	UA	X								Arley Station down platform waiting shelter. Brick shelter with timber canopy and monopitch roof
SVR046	376402	279947	UA	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
SVR047	376411	279934	UA	X								K6 telephone box - good listing potential as this is in Conservation Area
SVR048	376348	280002	UA	X								Signal box. Moved from Yorton on the Shrewsbury to Crewe line C1900
SVR049	375347	280835	UA	X								Historic timber post distant signal - AY UP Distant. c.1900
SVR050	375322	280950	UA	X								SVR Bridge 18
SVR050A	375417	280855	UA	X		X						Continuation of Bridge 18 discharges into river, under field - maybe not SVR

APPENDIX 2 SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY LOCAL HERITAGE LIST RESPONSES REPORT

Reporting Name	ID	Type	LHL Reference(s)	Response	Officer Response
Graham Phillips	SVRLHL-R001	Comment		Identified format errors in data set. Identified further potential assets for inclusion, and queried some omissions.	Rectified errors and put revised data set on website. List restricted to those in SVR ownership, not the wider former SVR. Statutorily listed structures not included on list. Will consider other assets for inclusion on future LHLs for relevant parishes.
Graham Phillips	SVRLHL-R002	Comment		Queried omission of post near Worcester Road bridge	Outside SVR ownership so not included, but noted that relocation desirable.
Bewdley Town Council	SVRLHL-R003	Comment		Unanimous support for the proposed inclusions.	Comments noted and acknowledgement letter sent.
Chris Haynes	SVRLHL-R004	Comment		Welcomes this in principle. Seeking information on Falling Sands Viaduct. Trying to trace drawings of structures on Kidderminster Loop built 1875-77. Suggests new build elements have a separate status in the register.	Comments noted and acknowledgement sent. Consider the new build elements should be identified as such and propose to include a column for this in spreadsheet.
Nick Ralls (for SVR)	SVRLHL-R005	Comment		The Severn Valley Railway as a heritage organisation are acutely aware of the historic nature of the built environment both of the Railway and the beautiful parts of the Wyre Forest district through which the Railway meanders. We are therefore fully supportive of the additions to the local heritage list currently under consultation.	Comments noted and acknowledgement sent.

Peter Bassett Conservation Officer 12th April 2016