Heritage Statement - Landscaping proposals adjacent to Froghall Wharf Warehouse, CALDON CANAL.

Froghall Wharf is an area of industrial heritage including parts of the Caldon Canal, a warehouse building (now used as Hetty's Tea Shop on the ground floor and Holiday lets above), Lime Kilns and tram/rail terminus access. The old warehouse building is Grade 2 listed, of which the English Heritage Listing says as follows:-

Warehouse, now converted to retail use. Early C19 with C20 alterations. Red brick; slate roof. South side of storeys and 2 windows set over to right-hand side, segmental heads to small-pane casements; segmental head entrance to extreme right. Widely projecting verge on west side apex for hoist cover. Canted boarded and gabled hoist to north side against canal. The warehouse forms part of a group at the head of the Caldon Canal, including bridge (q.v.) and lime kilns (q.v.), and tram- way terminus (q.v.). Included for group value.

The area is currently a popular destination for local walkers with a car park, tea shop and other retail enterprises, and with good access to the canal and other footpaths in the area.

The Warehouse (now Tea Shop) stands against the Caldon Canal on the North side, and has the road running on the West side. The South and East sides have a surrounding Breedon Gravel path and then mown grass with native trees separating this from the main car park area. The gravel and lawn areas are much used in the better weather by visitors to the canal and Tea Shop in order to sit outside and enjoy the location. The Tea Shop puts out temporary benches and chairs in this area for the use of visitors at the current time.

The proposal is to recognise this use and to make this immediate environs of the tea Shop better designed for this purpose in a way which is sympathetic to the old warehouse building and it's surrounds.

The proposal includes the extension of the Breedon Gravel surface around the Tea Shop with an edging of smooth reclaimed Victorian yard pavers; the laying of hard paved threshold areas to the Tea Shop in reclaimed York flagstones; The building of tables and benches from reclaimed brick and stone which closely matches that found in the locality and the erection of some green oak posts which will serve as support for temporary shading or seasonal decorative items and be in-keeping with the canal-side environment. There will be some low level lighting built into the raised benches and planters to make this a safe area in the darker months of the year for visitors, and which will only be used during the Tea Shop opening hours.

The Canal & River Trust who own the old Warehouse (now Tea Shop) building, and Staffordshire County Council who own the surrounding land and car parking have been fully consulted and support this proposal.