

**Proposed Change of Use
At
Hetty's Tea Shop
Froghall Wharf
Foxt Road
Froghall
ST10 2HJ**



Heritage Statement

10th September 2021

1. History and Background

Froghall Wharf warehouse is the modern name given to the surviving c.1785 Corn Store building at Froghall Basin in the far eastern terminus of the Caldon Canal, which together with adjoining stables and pair of cottages, was the original part of a thriving industrial valley and interchange centred on the processing of limestone.

The canal was completed in 1777 for the transport of limestone from the quarries at Caldon Low and later a railway was built in 1803 to improve the productivity and transport links to the wider world. The railway finally closed in 1920.

Following the First World War and the decline of the use of the canal in favour of the railway from Leekbrook to the Caldon Low quarries and the cessation of the contract to the Cheshire Chemical Company in 1920, the tramway became uneconomical and was dismantled.

The transhipment of limestone continued until 1928, ceasing shortly afterwards.

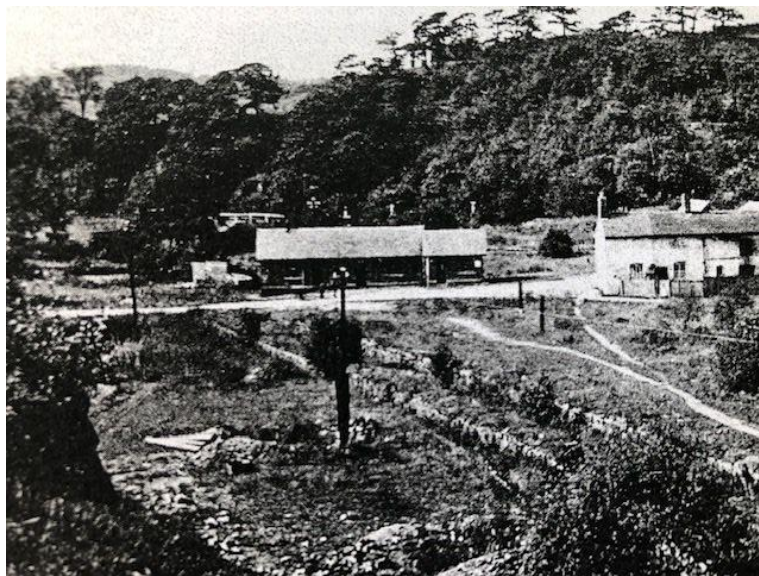
In 1961 the closure of the Caldon Canal was announced but it was never formally closed as it was still needed to supply water to the Trent & Mersey Canal. The former Corn Store and adjoining stables and cottages at the Froghall Basin fell into decay and the stables and cottages were demolished in the mid 1970's.



1967 OS map showing Froghall showing the Bolton Copper Works,
The Corn Store, stables and lime kilns remains but tram/railway long gone.



Frogghall Wharf c.1905 looking south with lime kilns in the background and the Corn Store to the left. Narrow boats are being loaded with limestone destined for the Potteries.



The abandoned Frogghall looking west c.1950 The whitewashed cottages and Corn store clearly visible

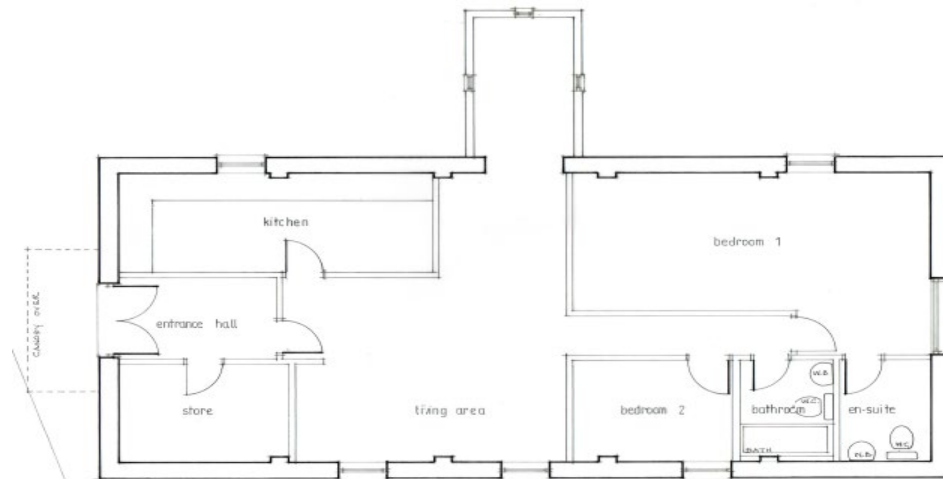
The Caldron Canal Society was formed by the Stoke Boat Club in April 1963 and subsequently British Waterboard, Stoke City and County Councils commenced its restoration in 1972, re-opening it to navigation in 1974. The former Corn Store was also later refurbished in 1979 and brought into use as the Wharf Restaurant and a picnic area with visitors toilets.

The Frogghall Wharf forms an integral part of the historic Frogghall Wharf canal basin and in December 1989 became a Listed Grade II.

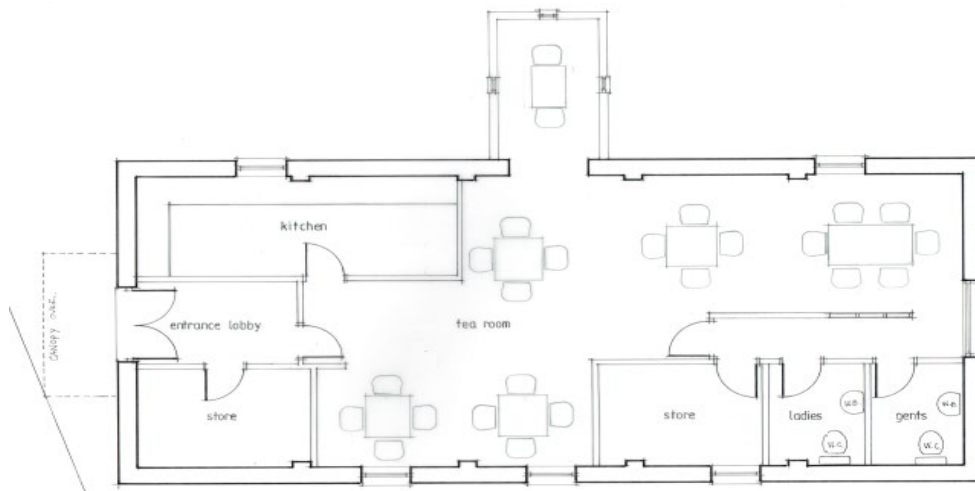
2. Proposed Scheme

The proposed scheme is to increase the Tea Room seating capacity. This would be achieved by a Change of Use of the first floor flat accommodation to a seating area of up to 24 people. Access would be from Foxt Road which is at ground floor level.

Here has been little interest in the flat accommodation. This, together with the Pandemic, has cause some financial challenges to the business.



EXISTING FLAT ACCOMMODATION



PROPOSED TEA ROOM

There would be no external alterations. The minor works would comprise of alteration to a stud wall, change the fittings in the en-suite and bathroom to form a male and female toilet and some electrical alterations.

3. Summary

The proposal will improve the business model, create additional revenue toward the crucial maintenance of this Listed Grade II, create additional employment in the area and give pleasure and refreshments to all enjoying this beautiful and historic area.