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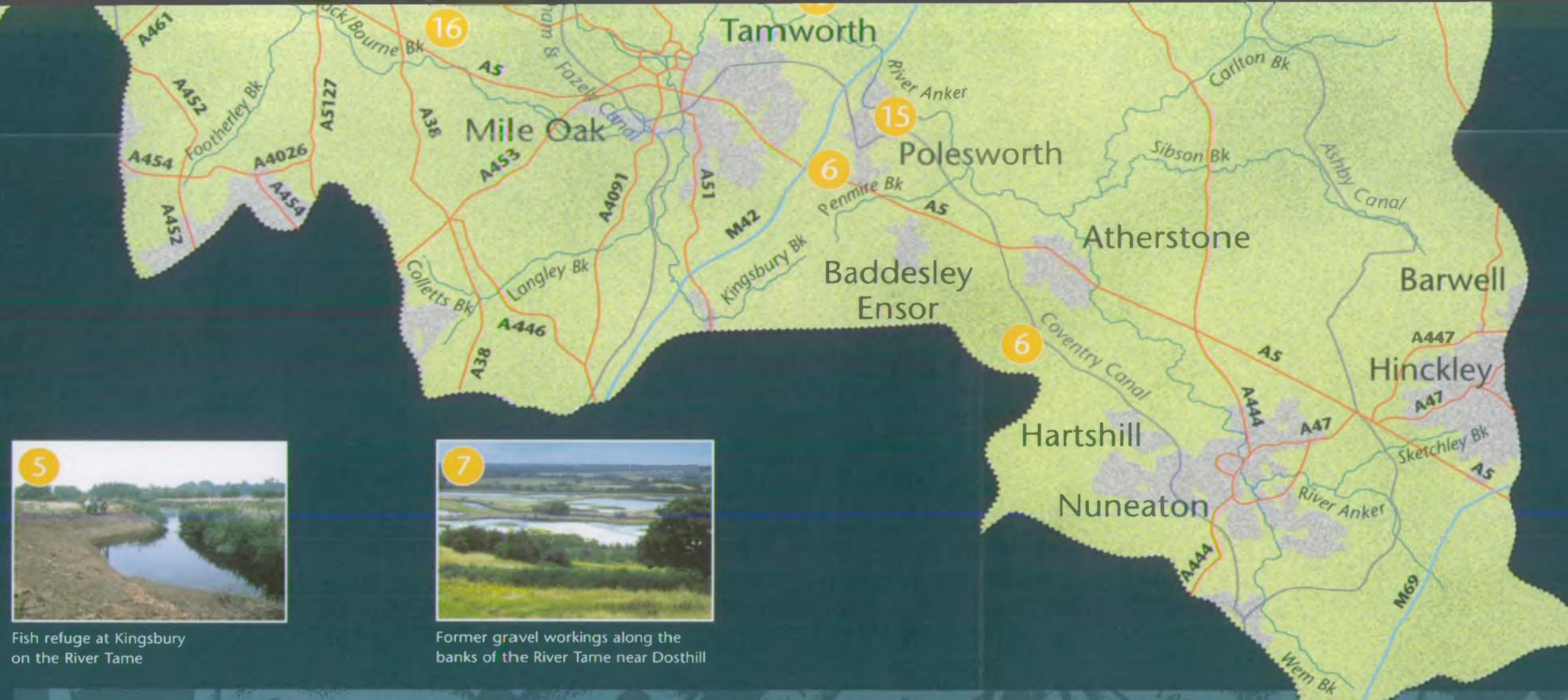
local environment agency plan

Burton, Nuneaton & Tamworth

Consultation Draft Summary



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5 Fish refuge at Kingsbury on the River Tame



7 Former gravel workings along the banks of the River Tame near Dosthill



18 A Waste Transfer Station at Tamworth



19 An aluminium can recycler

Identified Issues

- 1 The Effects of Power Stations on Local Air Quality
- 2 Groundwater Resources in the Burton Deep Aquifer
- 3 Groundwater/Surface Water Interactions in the Mease Catchment
- 4 Local Biodiversity
- 5 Sustainability of Fish Populations in the Plan Area
- 6 Contaminated Run-off from Mining Activities
- 7 Land Use, Conservation and Recreation in River Valleys and Flood Plains
- 8 Changes in Agriculture Land Use
- 9 Loss of Habitat Diversity on Rivers in the LEAP Area
- 10 Water Quality in Rivers and Canals
- 11 The Impact of Canal Restoration Schemes
- 12 Sustainable Urban Drainage
- 13 Main River Flooding
- 14 Easter 1998 Floods: Lessons Learned by the Agency
- 15 Water Level Management Plans
- 16 The Birmingham Northern Relief Road
- 17 Flytipping, Litter and the Aesthetic Pollution of Rivers and Canals
- 18 Enclosure of Waste Transfer Stations
- 19 Campaigning on Waste Minimisation



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The Burton, Nuneaton & Tamworth LEAP

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1 Drakelow Power Station



4 A Lapwing



9 Increasing habitat diversity by riverside tree planting



11 The Ashby Canal at Sutton Wharf



13 Flood defences under construction at Burton-upon-Trent



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The Burton, Nuneaton & Tamworth LEAP

The 900 sq km of the Burton, Nuneaton and Tamworth LEAP area covers parts of the counties of Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire and the unitary authorities of Birmingham and Walsall. The main settlements include Burton-upon-Trent, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Swadincote, Ashby de la Zouch, Coalville, Atherstone and Hinckley.

The area is based on the catchment of the River Trent in its middle reaches between Alrewas near Lichfield and Newton Solney to the north of Burton-upon-Trent. Gilwiskaw Brook and Hooborough Brook form significant tributaries to the east draining the South Derbyshire/North Leicestershire coalfields. Also included is the River Tame catchment as far south as Kingsbury and in turn its main tributaries, the Bourne and Fotherley Brooks to the west and the River Anker from the east.

Agriculture is the main land use in the LEAP area and has a number of important roles to play in the management of the countryside as well as its essential role of food production. The employment base contains a mix of manufacturing, service and extractive industries. Sand and gravel workings occur, or have occurred, at various locations along the Tame and Trent and its management both during and after extraction requires particular care. Coal mining retains a presence in South Derbyshire/Leicestershire. The characteristics of local groundwater at Burton-upon-Trent have led it to becoming famous as Britain's main brewing centre.

The Environment Agency has identified certain issues that need to be addressed in the Burton, Nuneaton and

Tamworth area. The map highlights some of these problems or opportunities, which include enhancing the local biodiversity and improving water quality in rivers. The issues have not been prioritised because all of them are important to the Agency and need to be addressed over the next few years.

The issues are wide ranging and cover all aspects of the environment which the Agency is responsible for managing or which the Agency assists others in their management. They do not include other environmental issues in which the Agency is not, and cannot be, involved. LEAPs translate the Agency's long term 'Environmental Strategy for the Millennium and Beyond' into action on the ground. The Environmental Strategy sets out nine environmental themes. Each issue identified in this LEAP is linked to at least one of these environmental themes.

- Addressing Climate change
- Improving Air Quality
- Managing our Water Resources
- Enhancing Biodiversity
- Managing our Freshwater Fisheries
- Delivering Integrated River-basin Management
- Conserving the land
- Managing waste
- Regulating Major Industries

What is a LEAP?

A LEAP is a Local Environment Agency Plan. It is the Agency's integrated local management plan process. The process is used to identify, assess and prioritise and hopefully solve local environmental issues or problems. These issues will be related to the Agency's functions, but will aim to take account of our local customers and may be tackled in partnership with them.

The outcome of the process is a local programme of integrated actions. These actions will aim to bring about environmental improvements to optimise benefits for the local environment.



The LEAP process

The Environment Agency who are we?

We are the Environment Agency and we were formed on 1 April 1996, bringing together the expertise of the National Rivers Authority (NRA), Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution (HMIP), Waste Regulation Authorities (WRAs) and a number of smaller units for the Department of the Environment (DoE). The formation of the Agency provides for a more holistic, comprehensive approach to the protection and management of the environment.

The Agency is an independent public body with statutory powers and duties to control and monitor the environment and activities that may be harmful to it.

The Agency's principal aim is to protect and enhance the environment in England and Wales and to work towards achieving sustainable development.

We are committed to achieving this aim through:

- Education
- Pollution Prevention
- Enforcement where necessary
- Integration, Partnership and Environmental Management

The Midlands Region is divided into four areas, which focus on the local environment. The Upper Trent Area Office produces the Local Environment Agency Plan (LEAP) for the Burton, Nuneaton and Tamworth area.

What is the report about?

The Consultation Draft highlights the environmental problems in the Burton, Nuneaton and Tamworth LEAP area, which are within the Agency's remit or that can be addressed through partnerships. The Agency has identified the problems and made suggestions on how they can be tackled.

Why should you read it?

The Agency wants to hear your views on the issues facing the environment of the area and what you think should be done about them. Sharing your views with us will enable you to contribute to environmental protection and improvement and influence what the Agency and others do. We will be pleased to receive any comments that you wish to make but in particular we are very keen to know:

- how important do you think the issues are?
- what do you think of our proposals?
- whether you can help to tackle any of the issues.
- what you think should be done about them?
- are there problems or opportunities that we have not included?

What do you think?

The Agency welcomes your views and comments on the Burton, Nuneaton and Tamworth LEAP Consultation Draft for the future management of the area.

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