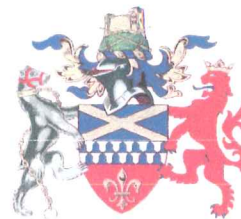


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5th January 2014

Mr Andrew Barratt

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Dear Mr Barratt

***Re; Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.
Tamworth Castle. Tamworth. Staffordshire. County Monument No:
ST2***

***I am in the process of providing an 8ft Bronze Statue of a Saxon
Knight which will be created and manufactured by Mr Peter Walker
(address) and will be placed identified on the Ancient Monument at
the base of Tamworth Historic Castle, (See Drawings) The method
of placing the Statue will be done in accordance and guidance of
English Heritage.***

***The Statue to be known as the "SPIRIT" will make a statement of
the importance of Tamworth past, present and future. In addition
to the Statue there will be display boards giving a detailed historical
and as near as possible biographical outline of the history of this
Ancient Royal Capital of Mercia/England 410AD – 1066 and
beyond.***

***The purpose of this application is to enable me to create a funding
stream where a number of parties have shown interest. Coupled with***

the Statue it is my intention to create a Educational Foundation Trust which will both research and develop and retain systems that will preserve skills from this period needed to protect the many fine historic items and in some cases buildings that are in danger through lack of maintenance falling further into Disrepair is the way I would describe it.

I have the support of English Heritage through Mr Ian George (Inspector of Ancient Monuments) who guidance has been sought. The process of sighting the Statue and the exuviations will be carried by some form of Archaeologist team, Yet to be engaged but as it will take at least a further 18months to 2 years to fund and make the Statue this is not seen as an issue.

Once all the necessary agreements have been made and the necessary funding streams in place The site can be prepared and the Statue manufacture will commence which will take in the region of 18th months allowing the site to be fully investigated and prepared.

The final part is to prepare the un-veiling ceremony which will carefully plan and executed. It proposed to purchase a suitable large flag in the Mercian design for the unveiling ceremony day. And just maybe there a special guest to do that unveiling

Yours Faithfully



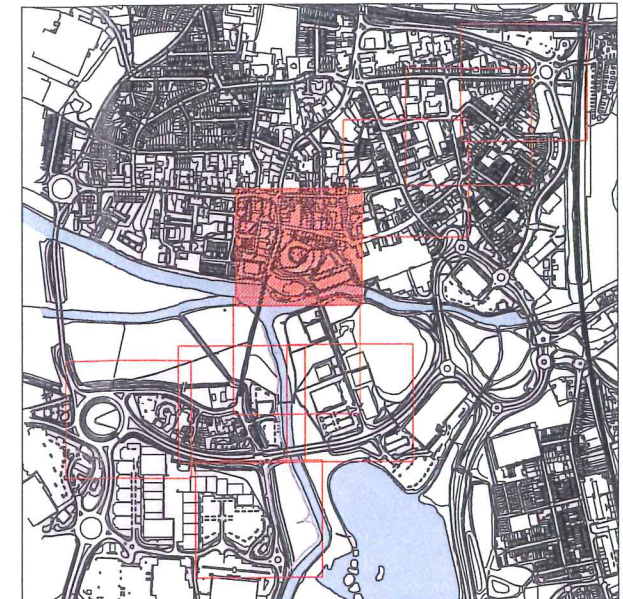
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KEY PLAN (NTS)



Re-paving of this junction, removal of guardrail, new lighting & street furniture and creation of raised table as a traffic calming measure

Silver Street & Holloway improvements kept to a minimum as street quality is already high. Pavement re-surfaced with sandstone flags & natural stone kerbs with white light street lighting to match feature lighting elsewhere. Pedestrian finger post signs located at key junctions

Footpath re-orientated to provide clear legible link to back of Market Street. Area of old path re-instated as turf. Existing feature wall removed and replaced with new seats

Limited area of car parking retained adjacent to bridge where less visible. Asphalt carpark with setts defining parking bays

Footpath created on line of old road and designated for cycle and pedestrian use only

New area of park land created on this prime south facing spot with views down the River Tame. Existing mature trees retained, new footpaths created and benches installed. Potential to create play area/boules in central space



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10th December 2013

Dear Councillor Garner

**Re.: Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979
Tamworth Castle, Tamworth, Staffordshire
County Monument No.: ST 2**

I am writing following our recent meeting at the Town Hall to discuss the establishment of the Spirit Foundation Trust.

I am keen to offer what support I can to help guide the Trust. I understand there is a proposal to erect a sculpture of a Saxon warrior in the grounds of Tamworth Castle. As these grounds have long been a pleasure ground for the people of Tamworth I can see this would be a welcome addition to their public entertainment. Clearly the siting of the sculpture will need to be carefully planned and any impact upon buried archaeological remains suitably mitigated. Scheduled Monument Consent prior to installation will be required.

The wider ambition of the Trust to develop traditional building and conservation skills is certainly something that English Heritage will be keen to support. We have been working in partnership with the Heritage Lottery Fund to ensure work in this area. If I can help facilitate any of this work I certainly shall.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further. In the meantime I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Ian K George
Inspector of Ancient Monuments

cc. Mr J Gunn, Development Control Manager, Tamworth Borough Council