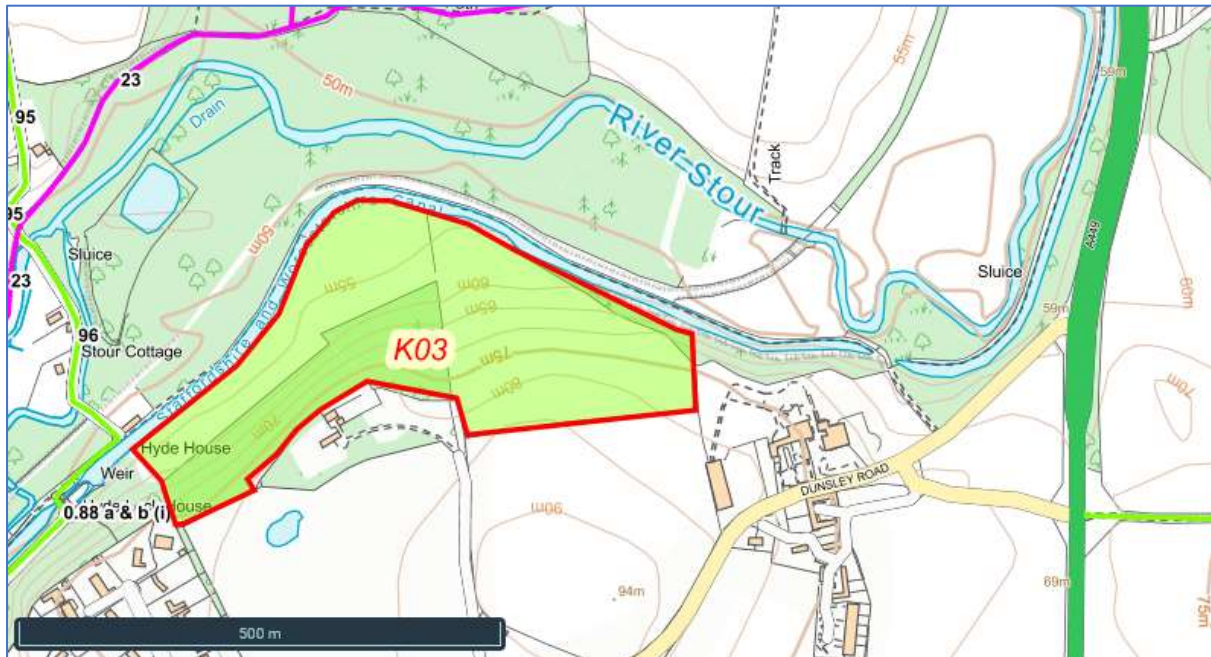


Name of Space	K03 Pasture and Wood beside Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal East of Hyde Lock
Street/Location	Just North-east of the Hyde Lock, on the south bank of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal at The Hyde, Kinver
Post Code	DY7 6LT
Grid ref	SO8538984325
Brief Description	A picturesque bend in the canal, a beautiful grass slope, backed by a small woodland.

Plan



Suitability for LGS Designation (Add detail as appropriate. Tick indicates satisfies criterion) ✓

Location: In reasonably close proximity to the community, it serves	✓	Yes	Just north of The Hyde hamlet and lock, and Kinver village, on canal on regular strolling route for families, which also links to nearby towns.
Local Significance/ Special Community Value: Demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife.	✓	Recreation, sport, events, paths	Canal towpath is well used, by ramblers, dog walkers, cyclists, runners, fishermen, holiday makers from the narrowboats, families. A favourite spot for boaters to moor, to enjoy the beauty and seclusion.
		Wildlife, ecology	Haven for Kingfishers, Herons, Mallards, Swans, Water voles, Snakes, Amphibians, Damselfly/ Dragon flies, Otters and Bats. Part of the River and canal wildlife corridor, and within the Wooded Waterways Nature Recovery Area identified in the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Nature Recovery Report. Includes some Priority Habitat deciduous woodland.
		Heritage	The canal was built in c1770. This stretch is just north of iconic Hyde Lock to which it forms a backdrop. Close to historic hamlet The Hyde, near the Dunsley canal bridge and opposite to where the Kinver Light railway and works used to run. Slopes up to historic Dunsley Hall.(Grade II listed)

		Beauty, setting, tranquillity, green lung	The Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal curves gently here, creating a beautiful landscape of which this sloping, tree-backed meadow is a vital part. The grass slope, bordered by a steeper slope with mature woodland, glows in the evening sun. The trees on either side of the canal route screen the area from nearby roads and housing, and with the waterway and sheep-grazed pasture together give a deep sense of seclusion and tranquillity. This area was commented on from the Neighbourhood Plan survey (2021) as an area 79% of local residents wish to protect due to its beauty
		Other incl flood mitigation, local food	Some flood risk in lower areas.
Size, Scale Local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.	✓	Area (ha):	8.7
	✓	Local character	Yes, close to village and by well-used towpath
Planning permissions or site allocations	None.		
Other Designations Formal designations or recognised in Local Plan, etc e.g. nature reserve	Adjoins Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal conservation area, along the water's edge. Priority habitat deciduous woodland Wooded Waterways Nature Recovery Area identified by SWT Green Belt		
Recommendation	✓		Suitable for Local Green Space Designation

Photographs:







