

Staffordshire CC HER Designation Full Report

17/08/2022

DesigUID: DST5608 **Type:** Conservation Area **Status:** Active

Preferred Ref **National Ref** **Other Ref**

042

Name: Elford

Grade: **Date Assigned:** 22/11/1969 **Amended:** 26/02/1972 **Revoked:**

Legal Description

(Draft) Summary of Significance

The Elford Conservation Area is significant for the following reasons:

* The location of the settlement is highly significant, situated as it is on the banks of the River Tame, surrounded by fertile agricultural land and near to a strategic crossing point.

* There has been continuous human habitation in this location since the Neolithic period. Neolithic and Roman archaeological remains have been excavated and there are cropmarks and linear features with possible dates from all periods from the Neolithic through to the post medieval period.

* Elford was home to the Howard Family whose titles included the Earldoms of Suffolk and Berkshire. While the Hall has long been demolished the remnants of this great estate form an important part of Elford's significance.

* Areas of dense tree cover, groups of and individual trees as well as hedges are an important part of the character of the conservation area. They provide a green background to the buildings; they define spaces and frame views.

* The combination of formal landscaping predominantly to the west side of the conservation area and an informal scattering of houses in much of the rest of the conservation area gives Elford a unique character.

* The concentration of historic buildings, both listed and unlisted is an integral part of the significance of the conservation area.

Curatorial Notes

Originally designated in November 1969.

Extended to include the area of the Cricket Pitch on 26th February 1972.

Designating Organisation: Lichfield District Council

Location

Grid Reference: Centred SK 1873 1054 (961m by 801m)

Map sheet: SK11SE **Area (Ha):** 24.90

Administrative Areas

Parish Elford, Lichfield District

Postal Addresses - None recorded

Sources

Designation Record: Lichfield District Council. 1999. (042) Elford Conservation Area Map.

Designation Record: Lichfield District Council. 2000. (042) Elford Conservation Area Map.

Designation Record: Lichfield District Council. 2014. (042) Elford Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan (Draft).

Designation Record: Staffordshire County Council. 1969. (042) Elford Conservation Area.

Associated Monuments

12528 Building: Black and White Cottage, Church Road, Elford

12529 Building: Crown Cottage, Church Road, Elford

12530 Building: The Arches, Church Road, Elford

12531 Building: The Forge, Church Road, Elford

12532 Building: Former Smithy, Church Road, Elford

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12533	Building: Avenue House, Elford
12534	Building: Home Farmhouse, Elford
12535	Building: 1 and 2 The Coach House, Elford Hall, Elford
12537	Building: Saint Peter's Church, Elford
12538	Building: Elford Post Office, The Square, Elford
12539	Building: The Crown Inn, The Square, Elford
12540	Building: The Cottage, The Square, Elford
13817	Building: The Old Rectory, The Gardens, Elford
13818	Monument: Garden Wall, The Old Rectory, Elford
14317	Monument: Kitchen Garden, Elford Hall, Elford
51890	Building: Howard Primary School, The Square, Elford

Associated Files - None recorded

Additional Information

Status: Designated
Article4: No
