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Dear Sirs

I should like to make a comment about the above, in relation to the brick chimney which currently stands adjacent to the Grand Union Canal towpath in Warwick, between the Coventry Road and Charles Street canal bridges.

This chimney is within the canal conservation area, as deemed by the Council, yet it was threatened with demolition in the wake of the former Ridgeway School and Montague Road development proposed by Crest Nicholson. In the event, the plans were not passed.

I have seen comments made in council documents to the effect that the 'chimney is not very old', inferring that it is not worth preserving. Many grand buildings and structures have been lost in the past with that approach (eg. the town walls of Warwick) and those that do survive have done so only through the foresight of those in charge of such things, who saw the heritage potential years ago.

The chimney is a throwback to a previous era of factory construction and operation which is far removed from today's. Whilst it is probably only 60 years old, it is a prominent landmark which many people enjoy seeing as they walk/navigate along the canal. It also appears to be in remarkably good condition and would take little to preserve.

I should like to urge the council to ensure that this chimney is preserved for future generations to enjoy and prevent its demolition, should any future plans for redevelopment of the site propose such an act of vandalism.

Yours faithfully.

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