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Bearwood to Five Ways

From Bearwood it's not long until you round the corner and pass the "Welcome to Birmingham" sign. Shortly after the welcome sign you'll see the spire of St Augustine's church - it's the tallest of all the church spires in Birmingham (standing at 185ft).

Beyond this point it's a funny mix of old bed & breakfasts and hotels until you hit the junction with Monument Road.

The Ivy Bush Pub stands on the corner of the Hagley Road and Monument Road. A pub I've never been into even though I lived around the corner for the best part of 5 years. I probably never will go in either. Rumour has it that the Rules of the Birmingham Oratory (a few doors down from here) forbid the fathers and the brothers from setting foot in the Ivy Bush – perhaps they know something I don't.

The A456 ends at Five Ways.

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