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Whilst strolling along the canal path and taking in the natural beauty that surrounded me, I came across a somewhat distressing poster about the proposed development of the canal from Brimscombe to Sapperton. I find in these unprecedented times of uncertainty for the future of our planet, biodiversity, and wildlife that our local council has even considered extending the canal route further than it already has, to be extremely disconcerting and immeasurably sad.

I cannot understand why the council feels it would be acceptable to destroy all the wildlife and natural beauty this route has to offer just to enable the microscopic amount of people who own/rent boats to be able to CHUG that little bit further – try getting off your boat and walking the canal path to take in audibly and visually all that's around you and to embrace the health benefits of the fresh air and exercise.....much better than killing everything just so you can pollute the planet even more!!!! It would be an exceedingly selfish and controversial act to go against all the residents who live here and enjoy their surroundings on a daily basis. We have lived here in Chalford for nigh on 28 years and do not want to see some money grabbing scheme take preference over what really matters....the wildlife and natural environment.

Maybe for once, the council should Hear the voices of the people who count....the residents and campaigners who have devoted their time to ensuring natural areas are protected for the next generation and not to line pockets of others!!

Try Listening and hearing the voices of those that matter ...PLEASE!!

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