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Dear Sirs,

I am writing re the proposed canals strategy, as outlined by you, with particular regard to the stretches from Brimscombe to Sapperton.

Brimscombe - I understand the the canal narrows after Brimscome Port. What -very expensive- major construction work would be needed for a realistic extension for traffic along it? And what benefits would accrue?

Chalford - where the canal splits from the the path of the road and becomes a quiet, peaceful place. The old towpath can be easily accessed and easily walked. I have seen many birds and other wildlife along here, including the kingfishers.

Along this area Gloucester Wildlife Trust are regenerating the ancient woodland and thus encouraging more growth of the rare plants etc that are already here and increasing diversity. It would seem that SDC and the canal trust, with this plan, wish to do the opposite.

Eastern Upper Valley. Probably the most important area. Here we have an area so rich in its varied habitats and therefore in its equally varied flora and fauna. Very different in feel and sustainabilty which is no less important than the areas of the canal that have already been restored.

This stretch is already walked by numerous people because of the peace and the beauty that it holds within it. This will all be lost with the increase of noise, engine fumes, litter, light and effluence engendered not only from the boats but all the services needed to maintain them and the canal. Detrimental in the extreme to the wildlife and the integrity of the environment.

The roads that run down to this section of the canal are small, not at all suitable for heavy machinery, and the infrastructure cannot support large numbers. Also there are no communities that need 'connecting'.

Altogether I strongly oppose the plan for these areas, destroying the good and valuable that we have at present for a pipe dream for the future that may never come to fruition.

I will also comment on the presentation of the Draft Proposals on your web site. I found this completely confusing even after studying it at length. You would definitely not win the award for clear English. It took a lot more research to work out what the plan contained. Also I had heard nothing about this until yesterday, so don't feel very confident in your methods of communication with residents of the council area.

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