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Good afternoon

Stroud Town Council wish to submit the following comments regarding the canal strategy consultation:

- The consultation documents are all difficult or impossible to read and enlarge. Beautiful layout but incomprehensible with language we are unable to understand.
- There is a good evidence based document with some really interesting ideas, but its impenetrable.
- The consultation documents do not meet standard requirements for people using text readers on screen, therefore fail to address equality duties.
- Facts and figures to back up statements are not available.
- Such a huge amount of public money should not be spent on documentation for public viewing and consultation which is so difficult, if not impossible to read for most people online.
- The concept of the canals meeting and flowing together is good, but difficult to work out what will happen.
- SDC officers will have worked with consultants from the inside. As outsiders we need training to understand the documents. How will members of the public understand them?
- The report has good strategic, interesting ideas that we could buy into, but it's incomprehensible.
- We recommend SDC's best option to get people on board, is to hold a joint parish and town Council presentation, to enable them to properly present the consultation in the best way they can. It will accelerate our ability to understand and will provide all round results for everyone.

Kind regards

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