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To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Frampton Mansell for 48 years and before that Chalford so have walked these stretches of the canal many times. It is incredibly sad to see such amazing feats of engineering works falling into such disrepair. In my experience management of nature brings a wealth of wildlife with it. As the canal is, at the moment, for long periods there is no water in it thus reducing certain bird life. After some prolonged rainfall I have seen a kingfisher and dippers and once an otter but that is extremely rare.

We have a small farm which is managed and thus our birds, hares and others (not so welcome visitors - foxes!) thrive. I think it is a myth that wildlife finds humans threatening in a rural environment. We respect each other and thus achieve harmony.

Apart from the wildlife the waterways provide extremely pleasureable activities where swans and ducks become virtually tame.

Sadly the stretch between Chalford and Sapperton tunnel will probably be the most costly because of the number of locks.

I'm sure most of the feedback won't be positive but I hope I am wrong. I have walked most of the restored section and it is amazing and beautifully done.

With best wishes,
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