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Dear Mr Longmuir

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**STROUDWATER CANAL, PHASE 1B, EASTINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
Application No. S.19/0291/FUL**

Thank you for your letter of 14 February 2019 regarding the above application for planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Historic England is pleased to support these proposals, for reinstatement of the Stroudwater Navigation canal in an area where the canal formation was destroyed by the construction of the M5 in the late 1960s. The historic route of the canal is now lost beneath junction 13 of the M5, and the new waterway therefore involves construction of a new route to the South of the original alignment, passing beneath the M5 and A38 roads via a series of locks. The section of new canal will connect Stroud to the National inland waterway network via a connection to the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal at Saul Junction.

The proposals will better reveal the significance of the Industrial Heritage Conservation Area through which the new canal would pass. Connecting the restored connection of the Stroudwater Navigation through Stroud to the wider inland waterways network will significantly increase boating activity on the canal, which will enhance the character and appearance of the linear conservation area and allow for wider appreciation of it. Historic England are not qualified to comment on matters beyond those pertaining to built heritage, but we imagine that the proposals will bring significant economic, environmental and social benefits to Stroud, as well as substantial heritage benefits.

Recommendation

Historic England supports the application on heritage grounds.



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Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely



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