



### **Exercising and Socialising**

There are places for activity, such as socialising and exercising, that are preferable to those connected to the canal.

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The canal provides public space for a range of users and their specific needs.

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### **Getting to the Canal**

Physical barriers prevent easy access to the canal.

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People visit the canal because it's the place where they work or take part in leisure activities.

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The quality of transport connections mean the canal is easily accessible to everyone.

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### **Getting Across the Canal**

It is difficult to travel from one side of the canal to the other most journeys rely on long trips to access crossings.

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Communities are quite distant from the canal and/or are isolated from one another which does not encourage connections to or across the canal.

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Our community is very self sufficient and doesn't rely on connections to other communities.

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### **Clusters of Activity**

The canal is home to vibrant neighbourhoods with a good mix of places to live, work and enjoy a range of activities.

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Good access to the canal and all it can offer means it is the focus of local communities.

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Cars and roads create barriers to the use of the canal.

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## **Buildings and Spaces**

Buildings and development have embraced the canal meaning there is good connection with it.

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There are plenty of public and open spaces in that have a relationship with the canal.

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Most communities are too far removed from the canal for buildings and spaces to have a strong relationship with it.

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## **Local Identity**

Communities along the canal don't have a clear heart and instead are made up of small collections of buildings.

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Development has sprawled along the canal meaning there is no obvious sense of arrival and departure in each place.

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Each place along the canal has a clear identity or character that is unique from other places.

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**Are there any specific challenges to overcome in order for The Canal to fulfill its potential?**