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Dear Sirs

Having printed off your extensive documentation We have concluded that it is possibly impossible to give a specific set of Objections. Rather this critique is in some ways generic.

As will be known to [REDACTED] Head of Strategy at Ebley Mill we already have a number of Objections and Submissions made with regard to the Canal Project between Brimscombe Port and Saul Junction. In the circumstances we will not repeat those which are already on the record as we approach the Enquiry in Public. Suffice to the one area which is important is the length of the canal from Brimscombe Port to Dudbridge and in particular the Master Plan we have presented to SDC regarding the area between Lodgemore Lane and Chestnut Lane which can be extended (and should be) to Wallbridge (and towards Capels Mill). It should be remembered that the Fromehall Mill Master Plan was used by SDC in their Road Show Consultations in previous years. As already mentioned the Lodgemore Mill buildings are thought not to be available for redevelopment. Therefore the area which needs to reflect the Stroud NDP is Wallbridge Basin and area behind Homebase plus the canal at Cheapside between Wallbridge and Capels Mill.

We presume that all of these aspects will be "tested" at the EiP. Equally it is likely that as the programme of restoration becomes more tangible that the proposals will evolve in particular between Goughs Orchard and Brimscombe Port (as per The Ship Inn). This is also true between The Ocean at Stonehouse and Whitminster Wharf (on the A38 Roundabout). In the hinterland there will be obvious opportunities at Ryeford (the old saw mills) and Upper Mills environs on the edge of Stonehouse town.

Mindful of the various Objections/Submissions made in respect of the emerging Stroud District Local Plan we will be preparing further evidence once the Programme of the EiP is published. Should you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours faithfully



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