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Dear Sir/Madam

### Canal Strategy for the Stroud District

Having lived in Frampton Mansell for almost 50 years I am most concerned regarding the re-generation of the canal in Chalford Bottom and the Sapperton Valley. I would like to raise the following points:-

- 1) The Draft Strategy is incomprehensible in its present form owing to both the language used and its format, it seems to be a deliberate attempt to slip this past the public by stealth.
- 2) The development and inevitable urbanisation of Chalford Bottom will lead to the loss of tranquility and the development of the Sapperton Valley is unacceptable as it will destroy one and adversely affect another of the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's finest flora and fauna reserves. How is this to be recovered?
- 3) How do the Canal Trust and S.D.C. envisage this project being feasible given the enormous costs and access to the sites?
- 4) S.D.C. prides itself on being a council with strong environmental credentials. How can it possibly support such destruction of a naturally beautiful and peaceful area so rich in wildlife. Should this not be protected?
- 5) If this development ends at Sapperton Tunnel (the Final Phase?) what happens when the craft using it reach what will be a dead end? There is no mention of a turning area. What is the point!?

I hope these points will have your considered attention,

Yours faithfully,

