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I am responding to the SDC Canal Strategy and asking for public opinion. Or trying to do this. Firstly the vast majority of people will not and do not know about this as they may not buy a paper and have not a clue that their opinion is being asked for.

Secondly: it is such a vast document of thinking and too much to digest.

So I am going to write my simple response.

I DO NOT SUPPORT OF WANT TO SEE THE STRETCH FROM BRIMSCOMBE TO THE DANEWAY/SAPPERTON DEVELOPED. It is unspoilt, quiet and the wildlife along that stretch is rich. It runs through land owned by the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and to see this developed would be a crime and act of vandalism. By improving and developing the canal it immediately opens it up to developers who come and build estates and ugly executive housing. This then increases light pollution, noise, pollution – people and pets, particularly cats, who then decimate the wildlife.

Proof of this is already seen from stroud to stonehouse and the far too big housing estate at Toadsmoor that has crept from a brownfield site into old meadows/fields creating an eyesore in what was once quiet green fields.

Please take my opinion into account and record my feedback.

Thank you