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Dear Sir/Madam,

I find the Strategy very comprehensive and has clearly had a lot of thought.

I would like to add the following comments:

As a resident of Frampton Mansell, I would love to see the canal developed at least as far as Sapperton tunnel allowing better connections from the villages along the route from both the canal path, and canal itself. The current condition of the canal and paths is poor and deteriorating, and I see this as only getting worse until development takes place. And with that, I have a concern that the areas already developed (within the Stroud area) will deteriorate unless the canal is given more purpose. With beautiful countryside and architecture along the canal, it is only right that these are maintained and shared, with a thriving canal, with a commercial foundation, providing the income to do so.

Similarly, without purpose, there will be no funds to maintain and repair the existing crossings. Whilst more are not required (in my opinion) in these upper stretches, those that are there are very necessary to maintain connection with the 2 sides of the valley.

Whilst many may be concerned about the ecological impact, I think restoration of the canal will have a positive impact. Water management is a huge issue that the valley suffers from, and with storage and flow included in the canal system, it can help manage the peaks of winter far better than the failed tree felling experiment of a few years ago. There is plenty of space for all inhabitants of the Golden Valley, with the question being 'how' to manage that, not 'if' we restore the canal or not.

Many thanks

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