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To whom it concerns,

I've tried to read the documents posted on your site and cannot find clear, plain English, plans of what you intend to do, when.

Rumours are abound around the village that you are going to dredge the entire canal stretch from Chalford to Sapperton, line it with concrete as well as concrete a wide towpath, permanently lit, thus destroying the entire de facto nature reserve which has taken hold over the last 90+ years.

I need to see a clear communication of what you in fact intend to do.

I've supported the canal project in Stroud thanks to its post-industrial clean up and regeneration, linking the town to a genuine working canal near the Severn.

However the opposite holds true for this upper section where the tunnel and further beyond are also finished as waterways. You have nothing to connect to!

Instead this is a magical corridor for nature to flourish with any human interaction limited to on foot or cycling access. It should remain exactly as it is. This is a post-canal area and I love it for the wild habitats, the peaceful sounds of nature, and the knowledge that there is far more going on than I can see, I.e nocturnal species, etc.

My focus is that it should remain untouched by large mechanical machines! It is perfect as it is!

I look forward to your reply,

Best regards

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