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I have lived in Stroud for almost 30 years and seen the huge progress that has been made with the canal restoration project. I was most interested to see and be given the opportunity to respond to this consultation document. My husband is an active volunteer with the Cotswold Canals Trust and we are both members and supporters of the Trust.

However, I am very disappointed in that the document is mainly written in planning and design "jargon". I do not understand the methodology being used and hence cannot comment on it.

But what is most frustrating is than the way the document is presented. The size, colour and type of font make it difficult to read. Different background colours add to the visual confusion and much of it is just too small to see either the text or images on screen on a domestic laptop. It is also not possible to download and print out the documents. It might just be visible as a wallchart.

Sadly I do not think that either the content or the format is suitable for a public consultation and I am not surprised that the District Council has extended the period for public consultation. Most people will just not have the time, energy or the eyesight to decipher the documentation.

Are there any intentions to put a written copy of the strategy on public display, or to make the online version any more accessible ?