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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Canal Strategy for Stroud District.

On the whole we strongly support the content and strategic direction of the strategy. We are pleased to see measures to support physical activity, health and wellbeing, particularly around active travel.

It would however be good to see within the wallchart more said around opportunities for people to be physically active on the water, not just next to it.

Although the 'Floats my Boat' strand talks about 'allowing people to access and occupy the water in new ways', there is a sense this is more about canal boats/motorised boats (pleasure boating) as opposed to personal 'active' water craft which support canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, dragonboating etc. These activities offer all sections of the community sustainable, fun and accessible opportunities to be active and we would hope to see them explicitly highlighted within the strategy.

It also appears that angling is not mentioned specifically in the wallchart. This is another sporting activity that can bring significant physical activity and health and wellbeing benefits to those who participate, particular older people and people with disabilities.

I hope this feedback is helpful and if we can be of any further assistance do let me know.

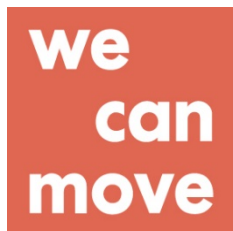
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