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Dear SDC officers and councillors,

We are emailing to lodge our objection to the proposed canals strategy for within the Stroud district.

The strategy is not suitable for the stretch of canal between Chalford and Sapperton. Since nature has reclaimed the abandoned canal, it has become rich in wildlife and its habitats, some of which are rare species. The disruption brought to this beautiful area by its replacement with an 'urbanised' landscape would be detrimental to the wildlife that lives there and the enjoyment of those who appreciate it. We regularly walk along stretches of the canal and the surrounding woodland, and enjoy it for the tranquillity and nature rich environment.

The Draft Strategy itself is difficult to comprehend, with a very small, near illegible presentation and confusing terminology.

In conclusion we would implore the SDC to protect this diverse natural habitat, to keep it wild and peaceful, with no concrete and steel invasion.

Regards,