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Dear Sir,

We've just been informed that we need to register our interest in the renovation of the Thames and Severn Canal, and wanted to thank you for this opportunity.

Have you made contact with The Canal Owners Association? ██████████ was the Chairman.

The points we wish to raise are:

1. Does the Stroud District Council realize that The Thames and Severn Canal is privately owned by 90 different parties? Our family owns the two locks at Bakers Mill and about 500 yards of the canal to the east of Chalford.

Please note:
The Thames and Severn Canal is not a highway. It is private land. Members of the public are permitted to walk along the towpath.

a) Stroud District Council built a foot bridge over the lock at Bakers Mill without planning permission. This bridge remains an illegal right of way. It does not comply with national safety regulations.

b) Repairs and fencing was made to the road bridge over the Canal at Bakers Mill but this, and nearby road fencing, has fallen into disrepair, as has the lock wall. This has been reported but nothing has been done. It will need to be made good without delay for road safety reasons.

c) Two boughs of a large chestnut tree growing on land belonging to SDC has fallen into the canal above Bakers Mill lock. Nothing has been done to clear this.

2. The Thames and Severn Canal is vital for drainage in times of high water. The River Frome is no longer big enough to contain winter floodwater. Homes in Chalford will be in danger of flooding if this is not taken into consideration whist renovations are taking place.

Do contact us if you have any questions or which to discuss issues on site.

Many thanks

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on behalf of ██████████████ and family

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