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Hi,

Whilst I support the canal strategy to a certain point, the canal should not be restored from Brimscombe to Chalford, through Frampton Golden Valley and onto to Eastern Upper Valley. Whilst there is evidence of locks, the canal bed is dry and has become an important site for wildlife and walking, it is peaceful with abundant biodiversity over hundreds of years. To create a canal would effectively create a road in water and this level of engineering and infrastructure is not compatible with the nature reserves and woodland between Frampton Mansell and Sapperton.

Credit to the work being done in Stonehouse to connect to Stroud (which already had navigable canals) but please stop at Stroud. Please do not touch this important wildlife haven. History is by its definition, in the past, why does all history need to be restored? It should be appreciated by information boards, yes but not re-created.

Please ensure I am on the mailing list for future decisions on this stretch of the proposed canal strategy.