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Dear Sirs,
thank you for sharing this welcome draft vision and strategy.
As the Sapperton to Upper Framilode stretch forms part of the Stroud Industrial Heritage Conservation Area (currently formally considered to be 'at risk'), guidance to help ensure development is sympathetic to the canals character, appearance and significance, with action planning and associated investments, provide a very positive initiative.

We wish you well in your endeavours.

Sincere regards

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Dear Sir/Madam,
Stroud District Council has prepared a draft long-term vision and strategy for the future use of the canals within the District.

We want your views on its contents to check that we have got it right, before we develop an action plan to deliver it.

What is this about?

The Draft Canals Strategy sets out how the Council, our partners, communities and landowners can work together to deliver improvements to make better use of our canals for culture, recreation and leisure, to support the local economy and to enhance our environment and local wildlife. The canals include the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal (running from Hardwicke in the north of the District to Sharpness in the south), and the two Cotswold Canals (from Saul Junction in the west, to Chalford in the east).

The intention is to adopt the final canals strategy as design guidance to supplement the canal policy ES11 contained within the adopted District Local Plan.

How can I help?

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The Draft Canals Strategy sets out specific initiatives to be delivered in the short, medium and long term, to improve the canal network, which we have divided up into 14 canal strategy areas. These initiatives include suggested community uses and activities for certain areas, ideas for improving travel and movement along the canals and projects for wildlife enhancement and for people to connect with nature.

It uses the results of a public survey that invited people to share their experience of using the canals in the district.

What will be the benefits of the Strategy?

The strategy will compliment and support longer term schemes relating to the Heritage Lottery restoration project that is unlocking a lost section of the Cotswold canals corridor between Saul Junction and Eastington.

The Draft Canals Strategy includes, amongst other things, guidance on design, land uses and transport and potential physical projects for all areas of the canal network. When adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document, canal users, landowners and developers will need to take account of the strategy if they are preparing any plans within the canal corridors which require planning permission.

An effective canal strategy will also provide the platform to make effective future funding bids to Government and other funding bodies.

Where can I find the Draft Strategy documents?

Please visit the District Council's webpage www.stroud.gov.uk/canalstrategy where you can view the documents and find out more about the subject.

You can also view the documents at the District Council office reception at Ebley Mill, Stroud and at town and parish council offices open to the public and at local libraries within the District during normal opening hours.

A limited number of paper copies of the documents are also available on request for those who cannot access the website or visit local libraries. Please email or write to us if you know someone who may need a copy (email and address below).

What do I need to do?

Please read the Draft Canals Strategy and send us your thoughts by email or by letter by **18 April 2022**.

You can email your responses to: canals.strategy@stroud.gov.uk or send your response to: Planning Strategy, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud GL5 4UB.

What happens next?

The District Council will consider your comments and make any necessary changes to the documentation before adopting the Final Canals Strategy at a future meeting of the Council's Environment Committee.

Many thanks in advance for contributing to this consultation process.

Planning Strategy Team

Stroud District Council



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