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As a resident of Stonehouse I would make the following observations:

- 1. It would be good to see emissions reduction included as an aim of the Drivers for Change.
- 2. I think the profile ratings generally overstate the current situation in Stonehouse.
- 3. The A419 is the obvious main barrier between Stonehouse and the canal. With suitable crossings there is potential for a coherent scheme of foot- and cycle-paths to link Stonehouse with neighbouring communities along the canal and to the north and south, as well as with the railway, Cotswold Way, etc. Stonehouse is very keen on community use of the Ship Inn site and any other developments alongside the canal should be for the maximum benefit of residents and visitors.
- 4. Ingredients in general terms are to be welcomed, but timescales for some ingredients are not sufficiently ambitious, or risk becoming add-ons which are not properly integrated. Development needs to balance desired outcomes against the risk of too much 'urbanisation' eg. obtrusive lighting.
- 5. The strategy should be amended to make more specific references and commitments to reducing resource use, emissions and waste, and boosting sustainability and biodiversity.