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Hello,

I wanted to contact you to request the strategy address what I think is a major issue relating the the Gloucester to Sharpness canal within Stroud. It seems to me that SDC has been overly focussed on the incomplete Cotswold canal at the expense of the other more beautiful and complete canal we have in the district. It seems to me that huge amounts of money have been spent on the Cotswold canal (maybe because it goes through the middle of Stroud?) and very little on Glos Sharpness.

The major issue for me is the appalling quality of long stretches of the path along GS canal, particularly in winter. I am an experienced cyclist and runner and parts of it are at best dangerous and at worse impassable on a bike in winter and almost impassable on foot. I occasionally use the canal to commute by bike from Berkeley to Gloucester and can only do so just about safely when the mud had dried out sufficiently. It's very noticeable that there is a proper path when you get to the Glos City boundary.

I request that more focus is given to the Glos Sharpness canal and funding is directed to improving the path. I'm sure this would help drive usage up. In the short video on the consultation page there is lots of footage of cyclists using the narrower but properly surfaced Cotswold canal path.

I can't help but think that in lots of other European countries the GS path would have been similarly improved for walkers and cyclists years ago.

Regards

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