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I wish to express my view that the canal strategy (video and documents):

- completely misunderstands the importance of the unrestored canal basin in terms of its wildlife, heritage and people's access to nature.
- makes little reference to ecology and provides no ecological baseline information.
- uses too much jargon and is difficult to interpret, and therefore doesn't encourage engagement for most people.
- is misleading in not acknowledging any barriers (legal, planning etc) to achieving the intended aim.
- does not mention anything about The Environment Act 2021 and the need for Biodiversity Net Gain. Any offsetting biodiversity impacts (which will be significant) needs to be **within 250m of the canal basin, rather than offset elsewhere along the canal outside of the parish.**

I therefore have major misgivings over the strategy and strongly the oppose restoration of the canal east of Brimscombe as this would result in a net loss of biodiversity for the Brimscombe and Chalford area.

Thank you

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