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I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan where they concern the Shrewsbury & Newport Canals. Shropshire and the adjoining districts have a valuable canal heritage: the Llangollen and Shropshire Union Canals are amongst the most popular in the country and the Montgomery Canal is valued for its special built and natural heritage. Waterway restorations have brought many advantages to their areas – at Droitwich, Devizes, Falkirk, Stratford-on-Avon and elsewhere – which are sought by other imaginative local authorities such as Swindon, Derbyshire and Hereford. It is established that a revived waterway can offer many social, economic and environmental benefits which can be achieved by bringing boats back to Newport and other communities in the Council’s area.

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