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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to express the hope that you will protect the line of the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals. As you may know, the growth projections for inland tourism are phenomenal and there is no doubt that restoration of a historic form of infrastructure such as the canals will support many jobs in coming years. Local residents also stand to benefit by gaining access to walkways, quiet spaces and scenic surrounds, and wildlife will be protected and supported. There is a massive appetite for it to be re-opened, as evidenced by the thousand-plus members of the canal trust and the hundreds of volunteers who have worked on the canals over many years, bringing them to a point where national funding agencies have offered to support completion of the project.

By contrast, allowing the canal to be ploughed in and buried under a potato field really does not make sense.

Best wishes
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