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I am writing to register my dismay regarding the refusal by key officers within Telford & Wrekin Authority to agree to include an entry in the Local Plan to protect the line of the canal from future development.

Trust volunteers have worked tirelessly over many years to ensure the reinstatement of this section of canal and I object most strongly if the Authority were not to support their views.

I am appraised of and fully support the proposed modifications which the Planning Inspector, Mr. Michael Hetherington, is putting to the Authority with regard to the S & N Canals, viz.:

"The Council will safeguard the alignment of the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals (as shown on the Policies Plan) with a view to their long-term re-establishment as navigable waterways by:

i. Not supporting development likely to destroy the canal alignment or its associated structures

ii. Ensuring that when the canal is affected by development the alignment is protected or an alternative alignment provided.

Proposals for the restoration of the Shrewsbury to Newport canal will only be supported where they can demonstrate that there will be no adverse impacts upon the natural and historic environment including designated sites, heritage assets, habitats and species in accordance with Policies NE1, NE2, BE4, BE6 and BE8"

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Holsgrove