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Dear Sir

Proposed Modification MM34

I am writing to express my support for the proposed modification to policy EC12.

I feel that this proposed additional wording adequately address the concerns I expressed in my objection (Comment ID PUB49) about the lack of the protection for the route of the Shrewsbury & Newport Canal which would have made the aspiration to reopen it unachievable.

Proposed Modification MM36

I am asking for two changes to be made to the proposed wording for Para 4.3.2.9. (These changes as shown below in bold.) The first is to correct the description of the canals by making it the same as that used in modification MM34. The second is to insert the word 'significant' in front of 'adverse impacts'. I feel this is necessary as the present wording could prevent restoration if any adverse impact, however minor, were to be identified. I fear that this would place the bar too high and might prevent a canal restoration scheme that would bring major tourism benefits to the area from being approved. I consider that my proposed wording would give the flexibility required to allow a restoration scheme to be approved where replacement habitats were to be provided in new adjacent nature reserve(s). The provision of replacement habitats has been successfully used in other restoration schemes to compensate for any impact on existing habitats associated with the canal.

Thus I suggest Para 4.3.2.9 should read as follows (my proposed changes are in bold)...

*'Proposals for the restoration of the Shrewsbury **and** Newport **Canals** will only be supported where they can demonstrate that there will be no **significant** 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.'*

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