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Dear Sirs

Response from Newport Regeneration Partnership

Reference: MM34,page 62, Policy EC12 & MM36,page 63, para.4.3.2.9

As regards the following extract from the Proposed Major Modifications prepared by the Inspector :-

"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."

The inspector also made the following point in his response to T&W:

"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"

Whilst we can understand the reasoning behind the addition of this requirement by the Inspector, we would hope that there would be a reasonable approach taken to its implementation if this is to be included.

For example, there may be instances where an adverse impact might be perceived in the context of the impact of the restoration on a particular element of the natural or historic environment when seen in isolation. However, this might be more than compensated by much greater natural/historic benefits that the restoration brings elsewhere in the scheme

