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Dear Steve

Re: Support for Restoration of the Derby and Sandiacre Canal

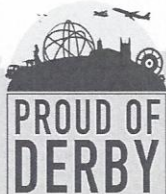
I am writing to express the Council's support for your efforts to restore the canal over time in its entirety. The canal not only has an important place in Derby's history but is also an important recreational, environmental and, in its widest sense, economic development initiative.

The Council's commitment to your work is enshrined in planning policy* which supports the restoration and new canal construction along the line of the former Derby & Sandiacre Canal and via the Chaddesden triangle and the River Derwent to the City Centre.

In addition to this I am pleased that my officers are providing you with support in practical ways such as:

- The provision of a £60k grant to the Trust to further your work in restoring the canal;
- Outline Planning consent for the restoration of the canal**.
- Planning consent in outline for the maintenance of a temporary access road in the event that the road bridge over the canal is built (the initial bridge design is also attached to this consent)***.
- The technical design for the 'T12' road, which opens up Infinity Park Derby, has taken into account the future proposals for the canal.
- Reference to the 'Derby Arm boat lift' concept in the new City Centre Masterplan 2030.
- Discussing the provision of an option agreement to buy the canal route land owned by the Council;

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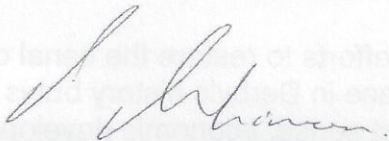
- Actively considering application of S106 and CIL funding from nearby developments to the reconstruction of the canal and towpath.

I am pleased that you are developing a HLF bid to support your efforts in opening up a first section of the canal and thereby gaining a momentum to open up the remainder of the canal.

I would like to confirm that at the point you have the funds and consents in place to open up the section of the canal from the Swarkestone Lock up to Sinfin Moor Lane, it is our intention to create a bridge to take the new road ('T12') across the canal. This commitment is of course subject to the availability of funds and the necessary formal Cabinet approval at the time. It will no doubt be necessary to seek external funding through whatever sources may be available. The Council has a good record in bidding for funding and no doubt it will be necessary for us to work together closely to ensure that any bid is as robust as possible.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to turn your project into a reality.

Yours sincerely



Paul Robinson
Acting Chief Executive

* *Saved policy T13 and L9 of the adopted Local Plan*

** *Planning decision notice DER/03/07/00495, 19/7/11*

****Planning decision notice DER/05/13/00463, 4/10/13*