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Dear Sirs

The Planning Inspector, Mr Michael Hetherington has proposed modifications to the T&W Local Plan in respect of the line of the Shrewsbury to Newport Canal. Specifically he states:

"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"

As ward Councillor for the whole of the portion of the canal within the adjoining Borough of Stafford I would strongly support the inspectors view. The approved local plan for Stafford Borough specifically mentions the restoration of this canal as well as proposals to link Stafford Town with the Staffs and Worcester canal. It would be strange to think that two adjoining authorities didn't support the same objectives.

Regards Mike Smith
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