

# NEV Planning Obligations Rev dSPD Comments and Responses (Indiv)

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46	Mr K	Price	1		<p>I sent you my comments on the 1st draft consultation and I see that you did not put in any costs for the developers to construct the Wilts and Berks canal through their sites.</p> <p>Please will you revise your plans to ensure that the funding for the canal is with the developers.</p> <p>The management of any flood prevention should be taken into account at high level using the canal as part of this. Once this is in place then when the local detailed plans are created then the developers should make financial provision for their section of the canal in line with the overall plan</p>		<p>The Council recognises the value that delivery of the canal would bring to existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p> <p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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48	Mr D	Knight	1		Swindon Borough Council seems not to have taken my previously stated views which are shared with the W&BCT into account.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
48	Mr D	Knight	2		The construction of the canal and the community benefits it delivers is most easily achieved if it is included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure development and as such should be a requirement of the development.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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48	Mr D	Knight	3		The canal should be funded by the developers and this is by far the cheapest way to achieve the benefits as plant is on site, earthworks are in progress and the canal works can be planned into the developers schedule.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
48	Mr D	Knight	4		The canal is an excellent way to support sustainable drainage systems and offers opportunities for flood relief and land drainage.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
48	Mr D	Knight	5		Many other developments, e.g. Wichelstowe have really benefitted from having a canal which offers a wonderful opportunity to make a distinctive character for NEV		Point noted.

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48	Mr D	Knight	6		Working canals in other location have created property uplift, and will do here as well.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
48	Mr D	Knight	7		A built canal will create recreational and leisure assets and increase peoples well-being.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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48	Mr D	Knight	8		A built canal will create wildlife habitat assets, and increase biodiversity. The financial benefits of this are typically high but not taken account of in current financial evaluations.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
65	Mr P	Pickup	1		<p>I wish to make the following comments on the above consultation.</p> <p>1. I wish to urge Swindon Council to REQUIRE the Developers to construct and pay for the section of the canal which will pass through this development.</p> <p>2. This will provide a very important new section of the revised route of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal and hasten the completion of the canal.</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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70	Mr J	Baxter	1		<p>As a former local government officer who dealt quite extensively with Section 106 and CIL projects mainly in Shropshire, I have to say that I am disappointed that, despite what I understand to be overwhelming support for the developers having to pay for the canal infrastructure from the responses you have had, the revised draft does not include that essential provision. Whilst I acknowledge that there will always be competing demands on any such agreements, with Education, Highways and other sections of Swindon Borough Council wanting their slice of the cake, let's not allow the developers to dictate terms or the amount of money they are prepared to offer.</p> <p>From long experience dealing with agents of many builders both small and national I know that the developers will be out to reduce any claims for Section106/CIL to the absolute minimum whilst Swindon Borough will be out to get the maximum possible benefit.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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70	Mr J	Baxter	2		<p>It is important to note that the canal can be part and parcel of the drainage facilities associated with the development. Too often developers have been allowed to create large developments without much thought for the drainage infrastructure and given the dire amount of local government funding that is now spent on keeping our drains clear of the rubbish that impedes flow and causes flooding, the existence of the canal will be a godsend to any developer worth his salt. Run off can primarily be directed there rather than into an already seriously overstretched existing drainage structure. That is all the more reason why the developer should pay for the creation of the cut. The marginal costs of doing so when heavy equipment will already have been hired in to create the foundations for the new housing will be minimal so why not take full advantage of the opportunity.</p>		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
71	Mr C N	Barry	1		<p>SUDs proposals will not be adequate, as the NEV lies on relatively impermeable soil which will usually be waterlogged at the times the SUDs are most needed</p>		<p>There are four main categories of benefits that need to be achieved to provide an adequate SuDS scheme. They are the control of water quantity, management of water quality, provide amenity and maintain and enhance biodiversity. There are a vast number of different drainage solutions, which can be selected at a location for their suitability, and can be combined to provide an adequate SuDS scheme.</p>

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71	Mr C N	Barry	2		The canal will hold flood water back, releasing it slowly over subsequent weeks. It will provide a second exit for flood water under the railway line by Acorn bridge.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
71	Mr C N	Barry	3		The Trust's proposals go a long way towards providing an integrated flood prevention and relief scheme deliverable within the timescale of the NEV development.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>



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74	Mr M	Buckland	1	1	Could it be that the SuDS proposals assume that the canal will be built but this has not been plainly stated in the main consultation document?		The aim of the SuDS Vision Draft SPD is to provide guidance for developers to ensure their proposals come forward in line with current guidance and legislation and will not increase the flood risk elsewhere. The Council cannot assume that any infrastructure will be built and can only consider infrastructure as part of a drainage solution where it is being delivered as part of the development.

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74	Mr M	Buckland	2	1,2	<p>a) <del>W</del>Water is inherently attractive to human beings who will use it for mainly leisure purposes be it watching it, walking by it, fishing from it or boating on it.</p> <p>g) <del>A</del>s stated above water bodies are an attractive focal point for residents and visitors. Many town centres are now centred around a once unknown canal - Reading, Banbury, Birmingham and Stroud are local examples and this applies no less to urban or rural areas, again I cite Wichelstowe.</p> <p>h) <del>C</del>anals have a far greater usage by non-boaters than boat owners or hirers. These include walkers, dog walkers, parents with children, joggers, cyclists (though a physically separate track should be provided - shared use' is fraught with built-in conflict) fishermen, birdwatchers and other wildlife lovers, photographers and artists. Recreation, both active and passive, is being encouraged by many agencies both governmental and voluntary, canal side facilities can contribute significantly both physically and psychologically. Or to put it more simply - they are pleasant and interesting places to be.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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74	Mr M	Buckland	3	1,2	<p>b) The canal itself should be built as part of the overall infrastructure of the development. The cost of building a canal is not huge and has been included as part of the features of the existing Wichelstowe residential development.</p> <p>c) The developers on this very large site should fund the construction of the new canal as has been done on the Wichelstowe site referred to above.</p> <p>f) There is a strong financial incentive for developers to fully fund the canal's construction. While estimates vary, though there is evidence from the sale price of waterside properties, houses very near water bodies can command a 20% premium on price and those within easy reach may achieve a 10% uplift.</p> <p>Given the size of the overall Eastern Villages development the cost to all developers to fund the canal would be relatively modest.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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74	Mr M	Buckland	4	2	<p>d) Surface water run-off is becoming an increasing concern where new construction is concerned especially in view of the change to a wetter climate in the UK. Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) is a partial answer by holding back the immediate volumes of rainfall but that water has to eventually go somewhere.</p> <p>e) The high point of the canal is Swindon with a gradual fall towards the Thames at Abingdon. There is therefore an opportunity to utilise this feature to assist with land and surface drainage and to alleviate flooding.</p>		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
74	Mr M	Buckland	5	3	<p>Canals, whether new or old, provide a unique wildlife habitat. Their structure, consisting of bands of hedges and trees; a tow/footpath with low vegetation; bankside aquatic vegetation and potential habitat for water voles (protected species); the water body itself for fish and other aquatic species; the opposite bank which is often not accessible by humans and is therefore largely free of disturbance and finally a further band of trees and hedges. All this in a width of 15 to 20 metres with considerable in-built biodiversity. Being linear canals play a considerable role in linking existing or newly created wildlife areas.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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74	Mr M	Buckland	7	3,4	<p>Turning to the SuDS proposals I quote from the document but the point I wish to make is that for SuDS to work in the way proposed, the canal needs to be actually built in order to receive and store the run-off water. A line on a map will drain nothing. Needless to say the Canal Trust supports these proposals subject to detailed consultation.</p> <p>SuDS systems can outfall to the canal and utilise the storage within the Canal as attenuation</p> <p>there may be opportunities to physically link SuDS systems such as swales, bio-retention areas and treatment systems such as reed beds into the canal</p> <p>‘LiDAR level data suggests that only land within the development area falls to this low point. This will need to be investigated and fully understood but if this is the case, there may be an opportunity to re profile this area to utilise storage within the canal if it is delivered as part of the development.’</p> <p>SuDS systems can outfall to the canal and utilise the storage within the Canal as attenuation</p>		Point noted.
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78	Sheila	Wade	1		<p>It was with disappointment that I read through your online document.</p> <p>Surely the number of positive responses to the first round consultation would have convinced you of the support a built canal, and built at the developers expense, has in this community.</p> <p>I can only emphasis to you that the construction of the canal must be included as part of the NEV infrastructure, funded by the developers.</p> <p>The canal will provide a viable plan for flood relief (missing at the moment from your infrastructure plan), will provide enhanced habitat benefits and an increase in leisure and well-being benefits (intangible benefits but eminently marketable) and in addition provide the developers with increased profit from the sale of properties in close proximity to the canal (a real tangible benefit).</p> <p>I fail to see how anyone can regard the inclusion of the built canal within the SPD as anything other than a win/win situation.</p> <p>Please listen to your community and include the built canal, built at the developers expense within the infrastructure proposals.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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80	Mr P	Henden	1		<p>Despite all the correspondence sent to you on the subject, Swindon Borough Council apparently has not taken these views into account.</p> <p>It is imperative that the construction of the canal must be included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
80	Mr P	Henden	3		<p>Drainage. Due to the impact of climate change In recent years drainage has become crucial in all new developments. A new / restored canal offers great opportunities for improvements in this respect.</p>		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>



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80	Mr P	Henden	4		Funding. The canal should be funded by the developers as part of the planning agreement.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
80	Mr P	Henden	5		Leisure. The new canal will be a huge social asset. Folks will be able to benefit from the additional towpath activities of cycling, fishing, walking and just being able to watch the various activities including boating and nature studies. With the focus on the increase of obesity and stress in recent years and the resulting impact on the National Health Service the benefits that can be provided by the new canal are readily apparent.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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80	Mr P	Henden	6		Property value uplift. It is well known that the presence of a canal nearby significantly enhances the value of property. Aside from the uplift to private dwellings, it is my belief that this enhancement will give a boost to trading opportunities - particularly due to nearness to a centrally located Swindon.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
80	Mr P	Henden	7		Wildlife. The new canal will provide an additional wild-life habitat and corridor which have both suffered in recent years due to the encroachment of town upon country. A canal will create wildlife habitat assets, and increase biodiversity.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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80	Mr P	Henden	8		Finally, I would urge you after further consideration to take a more positive approach to construction of the new canal and look forward to a favourable outcome that will be to the benefit of all		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
83	Mr D	Maloney	1		<p>I was very surprised to see that it appears Swindon Council have not taken previous stated views of the Wilts &amp; Berks canal members/supporters into account. WE have a create deal; of experience in canal restoration and construction and the benefits to all that a canal brings. Clearly we are not getting the word across.</p> <p>Surely it's far easier and cost effective to build a section of canal as part of the Eastern Villages infrastructure? The new canal at Wichelstowe was built by developers and is a great asset to the local people in particular and the rest of Swindon in general. Why is there resistance from the Council to have the same ain the Eastern Villages.</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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83	Mr D	Maloney	2		<p>The canal would create a great recreational and leisure asset; it's basically a giant ditch and would bring all the opportunities for flood relief and land drainage that such a ditch offers. Of course the diverse wildlife habitat would not only enhance the area but also bring pleasure to local folk and visitors alike.</p> <p>Please do include the construction of the canal into the Eastern Villages plan it makes absolute sense and people will be aware of the sensible decision made for years to come as they enjoy all the benefits a canal line brings.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
84	Mr C	Arch	1		<p>I am concerned that SBC has not taken into account previously stated views regarding the canal and the NEV.</p> <p>The canal offers a great opportunity to enhance the environment of the NEV and the appearance of the area surrounding it.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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84	Mr C	Arch	2		<p>Property prices in a corridor one mile wide - with the canal at its centre – will be enhanced.</p> <p>This has been shown to be the case with other canal restorations. Thus, I believe that the canal should be paid for by the developers.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
84	Mr C	Arch	3		<p>Finally, the canal offers opportunities for flood relief and drainage. Definitely needed in the area.</p>		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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94	Mr J	Webb	1		Is a linear park which enhances and adds value to the development, in this case your proposed Eastern Villages, and needs therefore to be a commitment requiring its construction to be part of the basic infrastructure and		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
94	Mr J	Webb	2		Will create a recreational facility for walkers, cyclists and anglers hopefully contributing to people's health and well being.		Agreed.
94	Mr J	Webb	3		The canal has potential for contributing to both a flood relief and land drainage facility.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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94	Mr J	Webb	4		Creates a wildlife habitat.		Agreed.
94	Mr J	Webb	5		The fact that canal side properties enjoy a premium in value terms as does the area or corridor is proven. You not only have to look locally at our Kennet and Avon Canal restoration but that undertaken in other parts of the country. I do sincerely hope that Swindon in recognition of this will commit to the canal through the villages and that it is paid for by the developers.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
94	Mr J	Webb	6		Finally please Swindon do not miss this wonderful opportunity to make this southern expansion of the town something special. Properly handled it can be achieved with out incurring costs as I have said these should be met by the developers.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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102	Mr G	Fox	1		<p>I understand the future restored Wilts and Berks Canal will pass through the NEV.</p> <p>There seems to be no mention of this, and no provision to ensure the development doesn't become an obstruction to the canal restoration.</p> <p>With so many successful canal restorations as examples, I would urge you to include the canal in the NEV, and incorporate the "towpath" in the bike/pedestrian circulation plan. I would also urge you to ensure all bridges and utility crossings are built to accommodate the canal, as building them "after the fact" is many times more expensive, and disruptive to street and utility users.</p> <p>There is an opportunity here to include the canal as a future amenity which must not be lost.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>



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107	Juanita	Poulton	1		<p>I am disappointed to see that whilst the revised draft Supplementary Planning Document confirms Swindon Borough Council's intention to have the canal built along the edge of the New Eastern Villages (NEV), the Document has not confirmed that the construction of the Wilts &amp; Berks canal should be an integral part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure development contract. I strongly believe that Swindon Borough Council should establish a Section 106 agreement with the prospective developer of the NEV sites so that the housing developments and the canal construction will be coordinated from the outset of the development.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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107	Juanita	Poulton	2		<p>There are enormous benefits from a fully functional canal. A canal is a linier park providing water for boating, and canal-side path for walkers and cyclists. The recreational opportunities are numerous and would encourage the public to take outdoor exercise and appreciate the countryside. Canals naturally develop foliage to support many forms of wildlife and thus increase biodiversity. Formal studies by British Waterways and more recently the Canal and River Trust all point to the economic benefits of active canals. Canal-side residential properties attract a sizable premium and many towns in the UK (notably Birmingham, Reading and Banbury) have embraced their waterways rather than turning their back on them and have benefitted enormously. Through Milton Keynes the canal has created a delightful 'green corridor' that exists there for the benefit of all. Canal, towpath and green spaces are inter-twined and one hardly notices that they are passing through a large conurbation. A New Eastern Villages canal corridor could be equally attractive.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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107	Juanita	Poulton	3		Whilst Appendix B(d) of the Revised SPD confirms that the route for the Wilts & Berks canal as set out on the Policies Map will be safeguarded and protected from development, the question over the funding of the construction of the new canal has not been clarified. The cost of such a project would be beyond the fund-raising capabilities of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust in the envisaged time-scale. Similarly, SBC is under financial pressures as the borough's population grows. The answer therefore lies in incorporating the construction of the canal in the contract for the construction of the properties etc. in the New Eastern Villages.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
107	Juanita	Poulton	4		I strongly urge Swindon Borough Council to further amend the NEV Revised Draft Supplementary Planning Document to clarify that the construction of the canal in New Eastern Villages will be an enforceable part of the infrastructure development.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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110	Mr J	Dodwell	1		It is very disappointing that the previous points made about the value of the restored Canal and its financing have not yet been taken on board. I am involved with inland waterways over the whole country, including a number of restoration projects. May I suggest you look at this link - <a href="https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-work/restoration/the-benefits">https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-work/restoration/the-benefits</a>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
110	Mr J	Dodwell	2		Examples of the economic benefits of canal restoration can be found on the Kennet & Avon Canal restoration (also in Wiltshire) and the 2011 re-opened Droitwich Canal. In Hereford, the Council are keen to see the canal restored and are requiring developers to restore the canal as part of their overall developments.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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110	Mr J	Dodwell	3		The Droitwich restoration is a good example of using S 106 funding from developers - e.g. Taylor Woodrow. Developers recognise the premium prices which can be obtained from waterside properties - can be as much as 20%. This is a windfall profit for them and it seems only right that they should help to pay for the canal restoration which benefits them		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
110	Mr J	Dodwell	4		Large scale developments bring with them significant land drainage issues. Inland waterways (including restored ones) can provide part of the answer. In addition to capital works, annual payments from the completed development can contribute to ongoing maintenance costs. An example is the Olympic Park in London, where the Legacy Company is paying significant annual sums to the waterway authority		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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110	Mr J	Dodwell	5		Large scale developments need amenity space. The restored Canal will provide a linear park through the development which will be available to boaters and all forms of towpath users. It will also be available to wild animals (including swans, ducks, moorhens, herons etc.) and wild plants, thus enhancing the benefits for humans		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
110	Mr J	Dodwell	6		I fear the Council has not yet appreciated the benefits a restored canal can bring not why developers should contribute to the cost.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
110	Mr J	Dodwell	7		If it would help, I can probably arrange for councillors and officials to see other areas which have benefited from restored canals. Please let me know if you would like to take up this offer		Noted.

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133	Mr I	Woodhea	1		<p>With reference to the above consultation and my previous e mail to Swindon BC about the Wilts and Berks Canal Restoration.</p> <p>I had previously asked that the developers should fund the canal restoration which should be part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure. This view seems to have been ignored by Swindon BC.</p> <p>As someone who was a member of the Kennet &amp; Avon Canal Trust during its restoration I am well aware of the benefits this brought to the authorities along it 76 miles when it was finally completed. It brought in recreational assets and enhanced peoples well being. It also enhanced the wildlife along its route.</p> <p>This will be exactly the same for the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal when completed and in particular this development.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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133	Mr I	Woodhea	2		One other point I would like to make in relation to a large scale urban development is the opportunity for flood relief and land drainage, most important in the light of flooding in other unexpected areas of the country.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>



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142	Mr M	Bridge	1		<p>I am very disappointed that, despite receiving over 300 responses advocating changes which would not only have advanced the restoration of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal but afforded other benefits, both tangible and intangible, to the NEV area, Swindon Borough Council appears to have chosen to ignore them and to continue to plough its original furrow. The purpose of a consultation exercise is, as I understand it, to learn from the responses of people with different, possibly wider, experience than those conducting it. Sadly, this opportunity seems to have been spurned. In my case, although I have no pretensions to urban planning expertise, I have been involved in canal restoration for nearly 50 years and have seen first hand the benefits that accrue to others as a by-product of our achieving our ambition to restore a canal. The Canal &amp; River Trust have a video and some informative links on their website (<a href="https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-work/restoration/the-benefits">https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-work/restoration/the-benefits</a>) detailing many of benefits to local areas, much of what they claim based on research carried out by the University of Northampton.</p> <p>I therefore reiterate my previously expressed views that, rather than simply protecting the line of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal, the Council should include a requirement for developers actually</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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					<p>to fund the restoration as part of the NEV infrastructure. Experience elsewhere clearly indicates that properties fronting onto, or even close to, water sell for more than similar ones in other locations, the most commonly quoted figure for this 'uplift' being 15-20%. Developments specifically designed round water features might do even better. This uplift should be quite sufficient to allow developers to achieve 'normal' profits while getting a significant section of the canal restored. Please remember also that restoration of the canal will continue, albeit many years later if the Council does not adopt a different stance, so this uplift will take place at some time. The difference between ensuring early restoration and letting it take its course is that in the latter case it will be the individuals fortunate enough to be living in the houses when the canal is restored who will benefit rather than the community at large.</p>		

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148	Mr R	Gregory	1		I am disappointed to read that the developers have not had to include the canal as part of the plans		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
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149	Mr B	Tunncliffe	1		I am disappointed that I can find no comment from you on the recommendation, included in my and others' earlier responses, about the desirability of including the canal at the heart of the development.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
157	J	Godwin	1		<p>We write in support of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust in their efforts to have that canal included in the Eastern Villages Development.</p> <p>When built this canal will offer opportunities for flood relief and land drainage. It will add a distinctive character to the Development and be a recreational and leisure asset to the people living there and their visitors. The value of these homes will be enhanced, as will the well-being of the inhabitants.</p> <p>This canal must be included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure, funded by the developers.</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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159	J	Laverick	1		<p>That the alignment for the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal with its potentially great contributory benefits to the distinctive development of the new Eastern Villages is firmly established within Swindon Borough Council's Masterplan is to be applauded.</p> <p>That the Canal is not to be constructed as part of the essential infrastructure of the NEV is in my view a mistake. This view being based on many years of professional experience as Operations Manager with the former British Waterways Board.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
159	J	Laverick	2		<p>If the Canal is not built until after the main village infrastructure is in place then:- Individual developers will not be encouraged to properly integrate the benefits of the waterway into their detailed plans. Missing the opportunity to perhaps consider community areas around a 'village harbour', executive housing with boat moorings and community facilities for youngsters such as canoeing and rowing clubs.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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159	J	Laverick	3		Individual developers will not be able to harness the benefits of designing the waterway into their land drainage and SUDS drainage schemes.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
159	J	Laverick	4		Individual developers will not be required to fund the waterway which might lead to the completion of the Canal through the NEV being delayed by some considerable time as funding is sought by the voluntary sector resulting in an inevitable blot on the newly constructed landscape. To imagine that an 'add-on' provision of a canal corridor can be achieved post development without massive disruption to the residents of the new homes, to the newly constructed roads, footpaths, services and to the establishing green spaces is a little naïve.		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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159	J	Laverick	5		It should be remembered that a considerable portion of the cost to individual developers of building the Canal as part of the basic infrastructure will be recouped by savings in drainage provision and by the mark up sale price of appropriately designed waterfront housing.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
161	S	Lockley	1		I am disappointed by the continuing lack of provision in the Supplementary Planning Document for the New Eastern Villages regarding the Wilts and Berks Canal.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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168	Ms R	Johnson	1		<p>I have read your revised draft of the New Eastern Villages consultation and am rather concerned at the casual way the advantages of a canal seem to have been dismissed.</p> <p>As a volunteer and supporter of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust it does seem to me that not enough concern or understanding of the future outcome has been placed on the value of an attractive canal in the new development. Realising AFTER the development is complete that a viable canal would have been exactly what is required is rather late to correct the mistake. It would cost much more money to re-address the omission. If you think what a canal has to offer (see below) the cost could be incorporated within the overall budget at very little (if any) extra funding needed. But it must be included at the START, i.e., as a responsibility of the builders and the excavating machines and the costs included as part of the Green Environmental budget. Think ahead!!</p> <p>Advantages of a viable canal.</p>		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>



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168	Ms R	Johnson	2		A green corridor for recreation, education, tourist attractions (think of Birmingham, Reading and Banbury who have all regenerated their canals to great advantage),		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
168	Ms R	Johnson	3		Holiday boaters shopping at local shops.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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168	Ms R	Johnson	4		The canal can serve as a flood relief channel in possible very wet weather in the future.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
168	Ms R	Johnson	5		You could even make use of the power of water to generate electricity by adding generators etc. later on (but not necessarily as part of the New Villages Development). But building the canal at the START of the development is crucial. It needs to be part of the basic infrastructure.		The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.

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169	Mrs J	Taylor	1		I understand that planning for the Wilts & Berks canal has not been included in the costing of the village		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
175	Mr J	Gunner	1		I do not understand why the canal has been excluded from NEV. This shows a total lack of foresight for a major amenity for residents. If the canal is omitted it may never be included and the opportunity will be lost forever. Surely the Developers can be persuaded to fund this project from such a major scheme. Please do not lose this vital asset for the local community, wildlife and visitors.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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177	Mr A	Dawe	1		The Wilts & Berks Canal will provide a wonderful opportunity to make a special environment for New Eastern Villages.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
194	Mr H	Garrod	1		I am writing to support to planned canal project in the NEV plans. Future generations will not thank you for passing up the possibility of making the canal an integral part of the development. All the environmental and social advantages are well rehearsed. I urge you to re-examine these in detail. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and should not be missed.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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208	Mrs P	Clover	1		<p>I am concerned that the Swindon Borough Council seems not to have taken into account the previously stated views of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal Trust regarding plans for the New Eastern Villages.</p> <p>This is a project that has great benefits for the development and also will enhance the environment for residents and the value of housing (evidenced that there is a premium value whenever there are attractive features and particularly water near property). It will provide an opportunity to make a distinctive character for NEV</p>		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
208	Mrs P	Clover	2		<p>The construction of the canal should be included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure, and funded as part of the Section 106 terms by the developers.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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208	Mrs P	Clover	3		The canal offers opportunities for flood relief and land drainage within the development without underground works – helping to reduce on-gong maintenance and will be an attractive recreational and leisure feature for local people.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
208	Mrs P	Clover	4		There will be opportunities for local businesses to benefit from the tourism and leisure business from walkers, fishermen, cyclists and boaters using the canal. A canal will create a wildlife habitat corridor, and increase biodiversity.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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211	Mr N	Barber	1		The revised draft for the New Eastern Villages has not taken into account the building and funding of the canal		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
214	Mrs M	Brunger	1		I am disappointed that the Council seems to have ignored the views of the Canal Trust.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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215	Mrs J	Eades	1		The above document does not make the re-instatement of the canal as integral part of the development. The benefit of making this part of the developer's responsibilities are multiple including flood relief, wildlife habitat, improved environment for all citizens and opportunity for developers to offer housing of character.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
219	Mrs L	Cobbett	1		I once again write to support the expansion of the canal on the eastern villages. This should be at the heart of the future development.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.



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219	Mrs L	Cobbett	2		I think the developers should fund the canal.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
219	Mrs L	Cobbett	3		The canal offers a unique opportunity to make a distinctive character for the new eastern development.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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219	Mrs L	Cobbett	4		Flood relief and peoples well being must surly be taken into account and both will be available if the canal expansion goes ahead. I can only see the positive of this work being carried out with the financial support of the developers.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
223	Mr D	Blazdell	1		This is an ideal opportunity, as I hope a far-seeing Council would agree, to rebuild the Wilts and Berks canal as part of the development of the Eastern Villages. I believe there is provision in planning law that allows such rebuilding to be part of the conditions of planning consent, and also to require the developer to fund such work.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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223	Mr D	Blazdell	2		If the Council wisely adopted this approach it would immediately provide additional flood relief and drainage, and, as a bonus, the restored canal would provide recreational facilities for the many new residents, and establish new habitats for wildlife.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
225	Mr K	Vickery	1		Swindon Borough Council seems not to have taken the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust's previously stated views re the benefits of including a section of canal into account.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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225	Mr K	Vickery	2		The canal offers the practical opportunities for flood relief and land drainage and adds value to the development in recreational and leisure facilities.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
225	Mr K	Vickery	3		The construction of the canal must be included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure and in return will probably increase the value of the dwellings and so should be funded by the developers		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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225	Mr K	Vickery	4		A further benefit will be the wildlife habitat assets, and increase biodiversity		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
230	Mr & Mrs A	Pearson	1		<p>I have recently looked at your second round of proposals for the New eastern Villages development. While I struggle to understand what is actually being proposed, as far as I can see the construction of a canal, funded by the developers, is not included. I am disappointed by this as I understand there was a lot of local support for this. Surely the cost to the developers can be justified by enhancing the price they can charge for the houses, through the creation of a distinctive character, open spaces and leisure facilities and the decreased likelihood of any danger from flooding.</p> <p>All these things are certainly items that the local authority ought to be encouraging, and if it can be done at no expense so much the better.</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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231	Mrs D	Francis	1		I support whole-heartedly the plans now suggested by the Trust to include a water way as an enforceable part of the development.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
234	Mr R	Hacker	1	1	<p>It is disappointing to see that most of the points made in that letter have been dismissed or ignored. Without sight of the comments and objections raised by other parties, which have not been published, it is impossible to understand if those have been treated similarly.</p> <p>The officer summary in the Statement of Consultation states that a contribution for delivery of the canal would be contrary to the statutory tests for S106 contributions.</p>		An update to the Statement of Consultation will accompany the SPD.
234	Mr R	Hacker	2	1	<p>There would appear to be a conflict between the statements in the Consultation Response that Green Space is eligible for S106 contributions while the necessary length of the canal is not even though it is described elsewhere as a part of the Green Space.</p>		The canal may add to the Green Infrastructure and pass through green space but it is not an element of any landscape typology within open space policy therefore not coasted in the NEV IDP.

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239	Mr K V	Welch	1	1	Whilst the document shows the proposed route of a reinstated WBC as a green canal corridor, it does not include a requirement for developers to make provision within their projected schemes for the funding of the new canal.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
240	Mr A	Lance	1		I am disappointed to find that Swindon Borough Council has not taken into account the previously expressed views of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, of which I am a longstanding member. My views on the proposed development were set out in my e-mail to you dated 3 May, and they remain valid. I believe that the construction of the canal must be included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure. In my and the Trust's opinion the construction of the canal in New Eastern Villages should be an enforceable part of the infrastructure development, and that will mean that the canal must be built as part of any built development, and built and funded by the developers. As I said in my earlier e-mail, this is by no means an unreasonable demand, given the substantial profits likely to accrue to the developer.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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240	Mr A	Lance	2		<p>It is also worth emphasising the fact that the canal offers opportunities for flood relief and land drainage. Moreover, the canal offers a wonderful opportunity to make a distinctive character for New Eastern Villages, creating recreational and leisure assets to increase residents' and others' well-being. Other advantages are too numerous to list here, but I continue to hope and believe that Swindon Borough Council will give full weight to the representations of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, of members like myself and to the wider concerned public.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
242	Mr S	Fisher	1		<p>While the preservation of the line of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal is welcomed, this falls far short of what is needed when this is a unique opportunity for its provision. As has been found at locations all over the country, canal restoration will improve the environment and enhance property values. The canal restoration is being undertaken by volunteers supported by a charity but will benefit the new residents and Swindon itself, so it should be supported and not viewed in isolation. It is important that the house builders contribute significantly to this project, which will enhance their house prices while mitigating against some of the effects of their developments. Delaying restoration will mean that this financial support will be lost and not be available</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>



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242	Mr S	Fisher	2		The canal is being diverted to this route across the NEVs because of the past failure of Swindon's politicians to preserve its original line. Banbury, for example, is having to live with its reputation for civic vandalism after taking decisions for cheap options in the past.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
242	Mr S	Fisher	3		The Wilts & Berks Canal is a national project, the largest canal restoration in the UK. When complete it will form part of an important cruising ring with the Kennet & Avon Canal and the River Thames, mostly rural but within easy reach of the capital. Adding the North Wilts Canal will make Swindon a canal hub again for Wessex, something desperately needed by Swindon and an important tourism promoter. It is significant that the Cotswold Canals Trust and the Basingstoke Canal Society have chosen to respond to the previous consultation as decisions taken now by SBC will have much wider repercussions than on just the NEVs, Swindon or even Wiltshire.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
242	Mr S	Fisher	4		Numerous clauses are relevant, particularly the principles in clause 2.2 of the Supplementary Planning Document and clause 5.6 of the Statement of Consultation:-		Points noted.

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242	Mr S	Fisher	5		<p>Necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms</p> <p>The current proposals are not acceptable. This is the largest greenfield development in Europe, a vast characterless spread of houses. This will be tacked onto the even more vast characterless spread of houses which is Swindon, 4km of featureless housing sprawl already separating the A419 from the centre of Swindon.</p> <p>Swindon has Steam and Coate Water (dug as the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal summit reservoir) but little else of character. Surely no other town as large as this can have so little of interest for its residents to enjoy or to attract potential visitors. Even after reaching the A419, new residents will face crossing several kilometres of existing housing estates to reach anything of note in Swindon. Doing everything as cheaply as possible is not acceptable for this huge development.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
242	Mr S	Fisher	6		<p>Directly related to the development</p> <p>Some 97% of the canal's users will be local residents on the towpath, which will offer a mostly rural off road route for cyclists, walkers and dog walkers (a linear route, not lots of bits of footpath connecting cul-de-sac through endless housing estates) and will give a traffic free link to the south of Swindon including Coate Water. Residents will not want to take their recreation walking and cycling around housing estates.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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242	Mr S	Fisher	7		<p>Fair and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development</p> <p>The flood protection aspect alone is necessary expenditure for a flood plain which has already seen serious flooding in recent years, even before any houses are built. Building houses on islands out of the water will not reduce the runoff. It is hard to put a cost on amenity but having something in which to take pride is an essential part of the living environment. If residents do not take pride in their environment then many social issues will arise, from which costs will result. The current plans have a depressing absence of character, just destruction of the existing villages and countryside.</p> <p>The NEVs should not be planned as a ghetto with a metaphorical wall round them. Their relationship with Swindon and their contribution to Swindon need to be considered. Leaving a line of weeds across the site for a charity to pick up the expensive pieces at some future date, delaying flood prevention until that happens, reopening the line of the canal as a construction site once residents have moved in rather than undertaking the work when it is easiest and most cost effective and failing to think beyond the boundaries of this development would be an abnegation of responsibility. Clause 2.13 of the Supplementary Planning Document requires the development of infrastructure 'without undermining the</p>		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme. The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain. The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not</p>

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					viability and deliverability of development schemes.' Delaying construction of this summit section of this major canal restoration scheme until a later date will do that exactly.		compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
244	Mr C	Toomey	1		I am of the opinion that the canal should be re-constructed as part of the new eastern villages infrastructure, and this should be funded by the developers.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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244	Mr C	Toomey	2		It is my understanding from surveys undertaken that a working canal would help with flood relief and land drainage throughout Swindon, and I therefore feel that this is an ideal opportunity to have a wonderful facility that also has a very practical, and in fact, an absolutely necessary use as well...!It is my understanding from surveys undertaken that a working canal would help with flood relief and land drainage throughout Swindon, and I therefore feel that this is an ideal opportunity to have a wonderful facility that also has a very practical, and in fact, an absolutely necessary use as well...!		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
244	Mr C	Toomey	3		Having a working canal through Swindon would, in my opinion, create a picturesque and characteristic facility that will provide an excellent opportunity for leisure and tourism, with the additional benefit of new employment opportunities.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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250	Mr P	Hills	1		<p>Your plans for the Swindon eastern villages do not place enough emphasis on the restoration of the Wilts and Berk canal.</p> <p>The only way that sufficient funds can be raised for restoration is if developers are obliged to undertake some canal infrastructure projects or fund whole segments along the proposed line.</p> <p>The canal will bring enormous benefits to the Swindon area as it has done in Reading, Banbury, Stratford, Bristol, Newbury and many others.</p> <p>The canal will bring a host of environmental benefits to the region and attract walkers, cyclists, boaters, hire companies and the like.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
251	Mr B	Humphrie	1		<p>This potential canal redevelopment is a big opportunity for Swindon</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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251	Mr B	Humphrie	1		<p>Please will the planning group of SBC take into account the proposals of the above restoration trust.</p> <p>In particular the drainage and environmental advantages of the waterway for future generations of Swindon people to enjoy.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
252	Mr S	Adkins	1		<p>Please can you consider the benefits of putting provision for the re construction of the Wilts and Berks canal at the heart of these proposals.</p> <p>Presently they appear to be omitted.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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254	Mr L	Walker	1		<p>I refer to the New Eastern Villages (NEV) Planning Obligations - Revised Draft Supplementary Planning Document and comment as follows:</p> <p>Page 16, paragraph 5.11, table 2, refers to safeguarding of the canal route within the three village areas of Foxbridge, Lotmead and Lower Lotmead and surrounding land. It also mentions Canal Delivery additional cost burden within these three villages. This does not, to my understanding, present the appropriate clear obligation to form a continuous canal channel and construct all necessary structures for that continuous canal section from the southern end where the canal is projected to cross Purley Road, to the north-eastern extremity - immediately south of the railway line near where it crosses the A420.</p> <p>I would support a clearer statement encompassing all necessary works to form a complete canal linking the two points identified. I do not find the present wording regarding the canal to be satisfactory.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>



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264	Mr R	Hemingw	1		I am a keen supporter of the plans to reopen the WBC		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
267	Mr R	Pawsey	1		<p>I am sorry to learn that Swindon Borough Council appears not to be taking into account the many representations made by interested members of the public on this subject. I repeat the points I made previously that the construction of the canal - funded by the developers-should be an integral part of the proposed North Eastern Village scheme.</p> <p>The reinstated canal will improve the image of the scheme, add to the recreational &amp; leisure attractions, improve wildlife habitats and assist with land &amp; flood drainage. I am sure it will also improve local property values.</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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271	L	Etheridge	1		The Wilts & Berks Canal restoration is a major opportunity for your area. The restoration of canals provides many positive benefits economic and others for local communities and this is well demonstrated by the Jacobs report "The Value of Inland Waterways in England and Wales" commissioned by Defra see <a href="http://issuu.com/waterwaysassoc/docs/value_of_the_inland_waterways_e_w_11_08?mode=window&amp;viewMode=doublePage">http://issuu.com/waterwaysassoc/docs/value_of_the_inland_waterways_e_w_11_08?mode=window&amp;viewMode=doublePage</a>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
271	L	Etheridge	2		Swindon has a considerable opportunity with the canal and it is most regrettable that despite the views already stated in the first consultation the Council have not recognised the importance of placing the canal at the heart of the development.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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271	L	Etheridge	3		IWA believes the canal should be included as part of the Eastern Villages infrastructure and funded by the developers who will benefit from an uplift in property values.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
271	L	Etheridge	4		In addition to the economic benefits that will result there are also considerable environmental gains with wildlife habitat improvements and increased biodiversity. The canal will also provide a wonderful recreational and leisure asset. Canals regularly attract walkers and cyclists providing health benefits for those who enjoy the waterways.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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271	L	Etheridge	5		There is also the opportunity to provide land drainage and flood relief whilst at the same time providing a beautiful setting for the New Eastern Villages.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
271	L	Etheridge	7		In summary IWA has seen canal restoration and inland waterways provide many benefits around the country. We hope Swindon Borough Council will fully recognise the opportunity a restored Wilts & Berks Canal can provide to the locality and ensure that the Borough benefits fully from this fantastic opportunity.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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279	Mrs K	Hatton	1		<p>Despite having an enormous response in favour of this section of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal being built as part of the infrastructure development of the NEV in your last consultation, it seems that has not been taken into account in this second version. It is most important that the construction of the canal is carried out by the developers as the properties will enjoy a big uplift in value and the new residents will enjoy increased recreational and leisure benefits. The number of new houses that planned here is large and the canal will provide a green/blue corridor right through this built up area, providing new habitats for wildlife and free access to nature for everyone 24/7.</p> <p>The canal will also provide much needed land drainage and potential flood relief that should not be ignored.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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280	Mr A	Crafer	1		<p>I note that my comments in respect of the original document have not been taken into account.</p> <p>Transport, no provision the safeguarding of a site for a Railway Station has been made. Elsewhere (not in this document) statements have made that such a service is not possible due to line capacity on the Bristol to London Railway. This would seem to be erroneous, the loops at Challow/Wantage Road, plus the loops that could be created for this station along with the electrification will create significant capacity.</p> <p>It should be remembered that there was a Swindon to Oxford service that was discontinued for various reasons. The loss of coal traffic to Didcot Power Station and the timetable slots occupied by the Swindon to Oxford service suggest that capacity is actually currently available. An independent rail operator, a co-operative, "GO-OP" has already applied to operate a service from Swindon going West, their long term ambition is to extend the service east to Cambridge. The later requires the availability of the East West Junction route a rail development Swindon Borough once supported as part of a consortium of local authorities.</p> <p>Nothing is lost by making a provision at this time, but the opportunity for the</p>		<p>Network Rail and Swindon Borough Council researched the potential for a new station to serve the NEV through the Local Plan adoption process. This research confirmed that such a proposal was unviable and unworkable and any further work considered abortive.</p> <p>With regards to safeguarding land, development is considered against the policy provisions secured within the Local Plan and such a provision is not included.</p>

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					future will be lost, if a provision is not made now. The GO-OP may even be interested in an interim service to Oxford calling at Swindon East.		
280	Mr A	Crafer	2		Again on the canal my comments do not seem to have influenced any change in the documentation. The developers should be required to not only safeguard the canal route, but also construct the canal.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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280	Mr A	Crafer	3		<p>The SUDS document also out for consultation, but with a different closing date, alludes to the possibility of using the canal as part of the drainage. It is therefore only a short step to making the construction of the canal mandatory. The provision of the canal will bring a character to the development and will provide the Developers with the opportunity of providing canal side properties of enhance quality, with the associated financial benefit to the Developers, as well as potentially higher Council Tax bands for such properties.</p> <p>Since the SUDS document has indicated the possibility of constructing the canal as part of the drainage, and the developer could expect to charge more for canal side properties, the cost implications to the developers are minimal.</p> <p>Adding water to the environment in the shape of the canal will add bio-diversity and provide for a completed green environment for the development. The tow path will contribute to the non road routes within the development, and will enhance to leisure opportunities within the eastern villages.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>



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298	Mr & Mrs J	Pearse	1		We were surprised and disappointed that the Revised SDP paid little heed to the hundreds of responses concerning proper provision for the restored Wilts & Berks Canal.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
298	Mr & Mrs J	Pearse	2		We have no doubt that failure to seize this chance will be bitterly regretted within a few years. Our challenge is to convince you of this, but perhaps the best advocates would be the communities, councils, traders, and tourist bodies in cities, towns, or villages which have the blessings and advantages of a restored or preserved waterway.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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298	Mr & Mrs J	Pearse	3		Get in touch with people in neighbouring areas and any of these could confirm the benefits brought by navigable waterways, not just to boaters, canoeists, or anglers, but to walkers, cyclists, ramblers, nature-watchers, and local people and businesses. The Wilts & Berks will also enhance local recreational opportunities, healthy-lifestyles, sustainable development, and individual well-being. It provides a green wild-life corridor through the town, plus opportunities for land drainage and flood-relief.		The emerging GI Strategy for the NEV will help to address these points in more detail. With regards to SUDs, the Council has recently consulted upon a draft SPD.
298	Mr & Mrs J	Pearse	4		As the benefits are so widespread, it is not unreasonable that they are funded by the developers who will undoubtedly benefit from the enhanced attraction of houses (and so house-prices) that prevails beside or near a navigable waterway, a well-established finding. However, to maximise the benefits, the waterway needs to be an integral part of the scheme, not shoe-horned in as an after-thought when the authorities realise that they have blundered earlier.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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306	S	Hillary	1		I am still very concerned that the consultation document does not include the requirement for the proposed development to include the funding of the re-routed Wilts & Berks Canal.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
306	S	Hillary	2		It is essential that the construction of this re-routed Wilts & Berks canal really must be included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure and the canal must be funded by the developers.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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306	S	Hillary	3		I continue to be convinced with the canal offering great opportunities for flood relief and land drainage, there is a very good case for carrying out the construction of this canal prior to the construction of the roads, houses, schools etc.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
307	Mrs H	Thomas	1		Pleased to note canal route through NEV is safeguarded		Point noted.

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307	Mrs H	Thomas	2		<p>Revised plans do not take account of principle concern about possibility of serious flooding.</p> <p>Excavation of a canal is best solution</p>		<p>The revised draft SPD and Masterplan looks to steer development outside of the flood zones 2 and 3. However, where strategic infrastructure is necessary in flood zones 2 and 3, proposals must provide compensation for loss of flood plain and demonstrate that flooding will not be increased elsewhere. The works required to address this may provide opportunities for further flood risk benefits and the LPA and developers must use opportunities offered by new development to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding as required by paragraph 100 of the NPPF. The EA will need to be consulted on any proposals.</p> <p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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307	Mrs H	Thomas	3		Construction of canal be funded jointly by developers for flood mitigation. Construction responsibility cannot be subdivided into separate tasks for developers of each village.		<p>The revised draft SPD and Masterplan looks to steer development outside of the flood zones 2 and 3. However, where strategic infrastructure is necessary in flood zones 2 and 3, proposals must provide compensation for loss of flood plain and demonstrate that flooding will not be increased elsewhere. The works required to address this may provide opportunities for further flood risk benefits and the LPA and developers must use opportunities offered by new development to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding as required by paragraph 100 of the NPPF. The EA will need to be consulted on any proposals.</p> <p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme</p>

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307	Mrs H	Thomas	4		plans do not take an overview of total flood mitigation measures.		The revised draft SPD and Masterplan looks to steer development outside of the flood zones 2 and 3. However, where strategic infrastructure is necessary in flood zones 2 and 3, proposals must provide compensation for loss of flood plain and demonstrate that flooding will not be increased elsewhere. The works required to address this may provide opportunities for further flood risk benefits and the LPA and developers must use opportunities offered by new development to reduce the causes and impacts of flooding as required by paragraph 100 of the NPPF. The EA will need to be consulted on any proposals.
307	Mrs H	Thomas	5		<p>To offset cost of canal works:</p> <p>canal will form part of leisure and access provision for new residents.</p> <p>Increased value of properties built by canal</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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315	Mr C	May	1		<p>Swindon Borough Council does not seem to have taken the overwhelming support for the canal into account. It is clear that the canal should be included in the Plan and be funded by the developers. The advantages to them in terms of property uplift, land drainage and flood relief have been demonstrated in other locations around the canal network and those for the NEV of recreational and leisure facilities and wildlife and biodiversity are equally clear.</p> <p>I hope that these factors are reviewed and taken into account and that Swindon does not come to regret a lost opportunity.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>



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318	Mr C	Foster	1		<p>I am a member of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal Trust, I am wiring to support the proposal that for the protected canal route in the new development &amp; am concerned that Swindon Borough Council, in the latest proposals, have not taken the Trusts views on board. I believe that it is essential that a developer funded canal be included in the New Eastern Village as this would not only helps the aims of the Canal Trust but give many benefits to the local and wider community creating a leisure facility for everyone, a distinctive feature for the new development with flood relief &amp; drainage opportunities, it would create a wildlife habitat and enhance the new development. Please register my support for this proposal and that the canal should be funded by the developers.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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321	Mr D	Booth	1		<p>It seems that Swindon Borough Council have not taken into account the views of the Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal Trust and its supporters and the advantages that the Eastern Villages development and infrastructure will derive from the presence of a built canal. The construction of a canal in New Eastern Villages should be an enforceable part of the infrastructure development - the canal must be included as part of any built development, and should be built AND FUNDED by the developers.</p> <p>As has been previously stated, the canal would offer great opportunities for flood relief and land drainage as well as helping to provide the New Eastern Villages with a distinctive character of their own. Working canals in other locations have helped to create an uplift in property values and will do so here, too. A built canal will provide a wide range of recreational and leisure assets and help to improve the quality of life for people in the area - the values of which cannot be overstated. A built canal will also create a variety of wildlife habitat assets and help to increase biodiversity. If the value of the above are perceived at all, NOW is the time to build the canal. The costs of construction after the development has been completed, if the line of the canal is simply preserved for the time being, are likely to mean that construction of</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain. The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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					the canal simply will not happen. The opportunity to make this happen is NOW, by making construction of the canal an enforceable part of the infrastructure and making the developers pay for it - they will no doubt make a vast profit from the development, this is a small price for them to pay.		
321	Mr D	Booth	2		The canal offers a wonderful opportunity to make a distinctive character for NEV.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
321	Mr D	Booth	3		Working canals in other location have created property uplift, and will do here as well.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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322	Mr & Mrs C	Poore	2		The canal should be funded by the developers		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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322	Mr & Mrs C	Poore	4		The canal offers a wonderful opportunity to make a distinctive character for NEV		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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322	Mr & Mrs C	Poore	6		A built canal will create recreational and leisure assets and increase peoples well-being.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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328	Mr M	Saker	1		Please think of the bigger picture for our children's children. Place the canal at the heart of the system, thus forming a nature and leisure corridor which would in time join the UK's Hidden Highways. Restoration else where in the UK have proved to be viable and lucrative.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.



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334	Mr J	Henn	1		I would like to write in support of including the construction of the Wilts & Berks Canal as part of the infrastructure of the Eastern Villages		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
337	Mr J	Goring	1		<p>Thank you for sending me the revised documents.</p> <p>I am pleased that the route of the Wilts and Berks canal is still being safeguarded but am disappointed that there appears to be no requirement on the developers to reconstruct the canal.</p> <p>I believe this is a lost opportunity for the local and wider community in terms of amenity and for the developers themselves in terms of the likely value of the residential development.</p> <p>I hope that the planning committee will revisit the arguments in favour of requiring the developers to reconstruct the canal and amend the planning conditions accordingly.</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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338	Mr E	Holliday	2		I also asked how many square metres the primary care / GP services building(s) would include. I can now find a figure for the proposed capital cost for the latter, £7.7M, but no details about building size. Can you let me know where to find that information?		The Council will continue to work closely with its partners. The specification of facilities will be evolve and will be fixed for the purposes of engrossing S106 agreements and as such will necessarily be justified at the point of granting planning permissions.
340	Mr R	Buckingha	1		What is preventing the inclusion of the canal construction at the same time as the Eastern Village construction? Financial constraints should be weighed against the economic gains by having a navigable canal through this development when people move into their new homes. A premium price for the canal side homes could be charged especially if tasteful landscaping is carried out at the same time in the canal area. Waterside public houses with attached restaurants always provide attractive settings, especially if moorings for canal craft are incorporated.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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340	Mr R	Buckingha	2		As a waterway, the opportunity exists for using canal as part of land drainage in the form of flood prevention as at strategic points, the canal has spill weirs to maintain levels.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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359	B	Poulton	1		<p>I strongly believe that Swindon Borough Council should establish a Section 106 agreement with the prospective developer of the NEV sites so that the housing developments and the canal construction will be coordinated from the outset of the development.</p> <p>Whilst Appendix B(d) of the Revised SPD confirms that the route for the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal as set out on the Policies Map will be safeguarded and protected from development, the question over the funding of the construction of the new canal has not been clarified. The costs of such a project would be beyond the fund-raising capabilities of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal Trust in the envisaged time-scale. Similarly, SBC is under financial pressures as the borough's population grows. The answer therefore lies in incorporating the construction of the canal in the contract for the construction of the properties etc. in the New Eastern Villages.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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359	B	Poulton	2		<p>There are enormous benefits from a fully functional canal. A canal is a linier park providing water for boating, and a canal-side path for walkers and cyclists. The recreational opportunities are numerous and would encourage the public to take outdoor exercise and appreciate the countryside. Canals naturally develop foliage to support many forms of wildlife and thus increase biodiversity. Formal studies by British Waterways and more recently the Canal and River Trust all point to the economic benefits of active canals. Canal-side residential properties attract a sizeable premium and many towns in the UK (notably Birmingham, Reading and Banbury) have embraced their waterways rather than turning their back to them and have benefitted enormously. Through Milton Keynes the canal has created a delightful 'green corridor' that exists there for the benefit of all. Canal, towpath and green spaces are inter-twined and one hardly notices that they are passing through a large conurbation. A New Eastern Villages canal corridor could be equally attractive.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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366	H	Pyatt	2		The canal should be funded by developers		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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366	H	Pyatt	3		The canal offers a wonderful opportunity to make a distinctive character for NEV		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
366	H	Pyatt	4		The canal offers a wonderful opportunity for flood relief and land drainage		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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366	H	Pyatt	5		Working canals in other locations have created uplift and will do so here as well.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
366	H	Pyatt	6		A built canal will create recreational and leisure assets and increase bio		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.



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368	K	Harvey	1		<p>As a member of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust I am disappointed to see that the building of the canal has not been included in the NEV infrastructure although you received many requests for this to be done. This work should be funded by the developers.</p> <p>There are many benefits to the community from this canal: flood relief and land drainage, enhancing local property, recreational and leisure assets and benefits to wildlife.</p> <p>I hope the Council will reconsider its position and take the above into account.</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
372	N J	Bailey	1		In my letter of 30th April, I made various comments relating to the inclusion of the Wilts and Berks Canal in this development but the only mention I could find in this latest document is that the line of the canal should be protected. There appears to be no acceptance of what I know is felt strongly, both locally and nationally, that the canal should be built as an integral part of the development and at the developers cost. In summary , therefore, I restate my views after your latest consultation exercise.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
372	N J	Bailey	2		Swindon Council appears not to have taken on board previously stated views.		On the basis of the interest generated by the first draft SPD, the Council felt it was important to reconsult on appropriate changes made in light of comments received.

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372	N J	Bailey	3		The canal must be built as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure, funded by developers		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
372	N J	Bailey	4		The canal offers opportunity for flood relief and land drainage		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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372	N J	Bailey	5		The canal will give the development a distinctive character and make it so much more attractive to possible purchasers of the houses, It will also enhance property values as has been proven elsewhere.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
372	N J	Bailey	6		<p>Among the variety of other benefits are the creation of recreational and leisure assets, wildlife habitats and increased biodiversity.</p> <p>It is vital that the Council grasp this "one off" opportunity.</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
379	Mrs P	Callow	1		I would like to object to the NEV proposal, in particular the proposed Southern Connector Road and the M4 J15 improvements (incorporating A419 improvements to Commonhead Roundabout). As a landowner of one of the main properties to be affected from the proposed SCR, I must strongly object to this planning being passed.		Unknown constraints prevent the development of a fixed SCR route at this stage and hence the alignment on the Masterplan is considered indicative only.

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379	Mrs P	Callow	2		The proposal to widen the Pack Hill Road will mean that traffic will pass much closer to my property , meadow house which I have lived in since having it built over 39 years ago. I have tended and looked after the land for over 39 years which will be taken if the road is widened outside my house to allow traffic pass by.		Unknown constraints prevent the development of a fixed SCR route at this stage and hence the alignment on the Masterplan is considered indicative only.
379	Mrs P	Callow	3		My property will be reduced in value caused by any road development and expansion and the traffic will have a detrimental effect on the character of the neighbourhood.		Unknown constraints prevent the development of a fixed SCR route at this stage and hence the alignment on the Masterplan is considered indicative only.
379	Mrs P	Callow	5		Access to my property is a concern onto what will be a very busy road. It will also reduce the road convenience for myself, exiting my property onto Pack Hill Road. The Commonhead Roundabout is already blocked mornings and evenings which will be exacerbated by queuing traffic from the new development right in front of my house affecting privacy, air quality and quality of life.		Commonhead Roundabout is subject to improvements secured against Badbury Park.
379	Mrs P	Callow	6		Another concern is flooding from the additional surface water from the widened road which already is a problem with the road flooding regularly.		Where proposals affect the existing highway, the proposed works will need to address any existing flooding issues at that location as well as provide adequate drainage to ensure the works will not increase the flood risk

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379	Mrs P	Callow	7		We have had previous incidents of cars smashing through my fence into the garden, so highway safety is now an even greater concern if the road will be nearer my property.		Unknown constraints prevent the development of a fixed SCR route at this stage and hence the alignment on the Masterplan is considered indicative only.
379	Mrs P	Callow	8		This is a country road so to detrimentally change the character of the area by widening the road for greater traffic volume will be a danger to drivers and livestock.		Unknown constraints prevent the development of a fixed SCR route at this stage and hence the alignment on the Masterplan is considered indicative only.
379	Mrs P	Callow	9		For the reasons outlined above (Comments 1-8), I believe the proposals for the Southern Connector Road and widening of Pack Hill should not be passed for the reasons outlined.		Unknown constraints prevent the development of a fixed SCR route at this stage and hence the alignment on the Masterplan is considered indicative only.

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381	Mr I	Perry	1		<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised draft SPD for the development of the New Eastern Villages. This is an exciting project which will shape permanently the natural and built environment in the Swindon area, and presents an unparalleled opportunity for forward-looking, innovative development of community spaces within the Swindon Borough Local Plan.</p> <p>I am concerned to note, however, that the revised draft SPD does not appear to have reflected the views put forward in the initial consultation by the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust (WBCT) and its supporters. While the provision in the SPD for the protection of a canal corridor (section 5.11, Table 2) is welcome, this in my view is not sufficient to secure the very significant benefits that would accrue from a truly integrated approach to the development of community spaces, promotion of biodiversity and provision of necessary infrastructure for the development. A successful approach would also safeguard this priceless element of our social and industrial history as part of the national canal network, that underpinned the country's industrial development in the 18th and 19th centuries.</p> <p>The creation of new communities depends heavily on the rapid</p>		On the basis of the interest generated by the first draft SPD, the Council felt it was important to reconsult on appropriate changes made in light of comments received.

establishment of a sustainable community spirit with strong links to the area and its history. Inclusion of the building of the canal in the Infrastructure Requirements (section 5.8, table 1) would encourage developers to make the canal a dominant part of the character of the NEV, reflecting the way in which communities grew up around the canal in previous periods of its history. At the same time, the requirement to build the canal as part of the development would create opportunities to combine it with nature reserves, community parks, recreation spaces and even retail space, whilst making the canal towpath a key part of the local cycleways and footpaths. On a more prosaic note, the building of the canal as part of the development would allow it to be included in the provisions for surface water management, thus providing an integral mechanism for flood relief and land drainage. Furthermore, working canals are widely recognised as adding significant, sustained value to both public and private property.

I therefore request that you modify the draft SPD to include the requirement that developers take responsibility for building the canal, as part of the infrastructure of the NEV.

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382	Mr N	Bishop	1		That the views of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, and those of the general public, have not been taken into account.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
382	Mr N	Bishop	2		The Wilts and Berks Canal is an important asset, valuable to the commerce, livelihood and general amenity of the area, and will add value to any development in its' vicinity.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.



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382	Mr N	Bishop	3		This important amenity should be funded wholly or partially (certainly substantially) by the developers, who will benefit from the inclusion of the canal in their schemes.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
382	Mr N	Bishop	4		To help protect the environment as well as to protect residents from potential flood related damage, the inclusion of the canal in land drainage schemes could play an important role.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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382	Mr N	Bishop	5		It has been shown in many instances that any development which includes a waterside amenity are invariably enhanced, both culturally and financially.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
382	Mr N	Bishop	6		Canals attract visitors to an area and help increase local revenue, as well as expanding wildlife diversification.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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384	Mr D	Moore	1		<p>I should like to make some comments on this very comprehensive document. I am a keen cyclist and also a member of The Wilts &amp; Berks Canal Trust and have the following observations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The "Indicative Canal Route" is outlined but appears in the document to be almost optional.</li> <li>2. This is an opportunity to be part of a great recreational and leisure facility running from Trowbridge to Abingdon. Patron:- The Duchess of Cornwall.</li> <li>3. Surely the Canal and the adjoining cycling/pedestrian towpath MUST be included in this project and funded by the developers as it would be a great advantage to people in the Swindon area.</li> <li>4. Apart from the attraction of good leisure facilities, it would provide:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A good environment for wildlife.</li> <li>• Increased facilities for flood relief.</li> <li>• An attraction which has proven in other canal areas to have uplifted property prices.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>I believe that including the canal and towpath in NEV plans would increase the attractiveness of the Swindon to visitors and tourists and thus benefit the area.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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385	Mr R	Slater	1		It seems that planning for the canal provision through Swindon is still not included. The benefits of canal development/restoration to a local community are very well known. The canal needs to be an integral part of the eastern development and should be funded by the developers.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
387	Mr P	Joyce	1		You do not appear to have taken the Wilts and Berks Canal's views into consideration. Surely this must be part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure. Furthermore it should be financed by the developers, as it will reflect in increased house values for themselves. This will be an invaluable green lung for the town both for recreation and wildlife etc. worthy of the highest consideration.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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389	Mr J	Wren	1		<p>The Wilts &amp; Berks Canal Trust has much concern over the revised draft re lack of response to their views re the canal. The potential developers to take due consideration to the canal and construct that section in any proposed development and in particular to essential drainage and flood relief with proper integration of canal with the development.</p> <p>It is hoped that in the final draft that the views of the canal trust will be recognised.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p> <p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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391	Mr R	Atridge	1		<p>I would like to see provision made for the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal to be incorporated into the strategy for the Eastern Village Development. It has been incorporated in the Wichelstowe development, it would be a great opportunity missed if it is not.</p> <p>You only have to look at the Kennet &amp; Avon canal to see the benefits that a waterway brings to a community.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
391	Mr R	Atridge	2		<p>It will also alleviate some of the flood water issues that will become apparent as it is being built on a flood plain. DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY</p>		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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392	Mr A G	Pullan	2		The construction of the canal must be included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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392	Mr A G	Pullan	4		The canal offers opportunities for flood relief and land drainage		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>



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392	Mr A G	Pullan	6		Working canals in other location have created property uplift, and will do here as well		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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392	Mr A G	Pullan	8		A built canal will create wildlife habitat assets, and increase biodiversity		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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393	Mr D	Curl	1		Swindon Council have failed countless people before by not including our heritage in development plans. I feel that the canal must form part of the development that is proposed in Swindon.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
394	Mr R	Dewey	1		Disappointed in the consultation ignoring the views of over 90% of consultees responding.		On the basis of the interest generated by the first draft SPD, the Council felt it was important to reconsult on appropriate changes made in light of comments received.
395	Ms W	Cole	1		I am concerned that the consultation paper didn't take into account the Wilts and Berks Canal		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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396	Ms D	Dimmer	1		Swindon Borough Council seems not to have taken the previously stated views of the Wilts & Berks canal trust into account.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
397	Mr N	Rumbol	1		I should like to express my concern to aspects of the recent Second Round Consultation, Swindon Borough Council has done nothing in the latest revision of the document to help with the restoration of the Canal		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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398	Mr J	Farrow	1		I am disappointed that greater account was not taken of comments with regards to the canal made from the first consultation		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
399	Ms V	Melville	1		It is very disappointing to see that there is still no requirement for the developers to construct the Wilts & Berks Canal as part of the infrastructure, especially as so many of the responders to the original consultation cited this as a regrettable omission.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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399	Ms V	Melville	2		The Wilts & Berks Canal is a very important part of Swindon's heritage, having pre-dated Brunel's Great Western Railway and been instrumental in the decision to build the railway on this route – the materials needed could be transported by narrow boat to the necessary sites. Construction of the canal through the New Eastern Villages would help Swindon connect to its past and cultural heritage.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
399	Ms V	Melville	3		In more recent times, canals have been recognised as incredibly important in the economic development of an area and in the well-being of its inhabitants. The business and tourism opportunities would be significant for Swindon, and the construction of the Wilts & Berks Canal would offer fantastic leisure opportunities for walking, running, cycling, fishing, canoeing, wildlife appreciation – the list goes on and on.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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399	Ms V	Melville	4		In a climate of increasing concern about the loss of wildlife habitats and the decline of once common species, the green corridor and diverse habitats provided by a canal (hedgerow, water margins, water) will mitigate the loss of environment to the development, and may even increase opportunities for new species. This would be a really positive argument for environmental sustainability.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
399	Ms V	Melville	5		Developers are well aware that waterside properties have terrific appeal with buyers and command a premium price, so they would recoup their investment, and a new attractive residential area with a distinctive character would be created at no cost to the local authorities.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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399	Ms V	Melville	6		With increased global warming and incidents of flooding, canals have a very important role to play in water management and land drainage.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
400	Ms S	Smith	1		Preservation of the Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal seems to have been overlooked by Swindon Borough Council		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.



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401	Mr P	Tuck	1		The document mentions the canal route. I believe that the developer should pay for all of the costs of construction		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
402	Mr J	Seagrave	1		I would suggest the benefit in flood control would fully justify the requirement given ever increasing problems.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>

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402	Mr J	Seagrave	2		I would make the point that building this segment would, with good project planning and machinery on site, probably cost the developer very little.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
402	Mr J	Seagrave	3		As the Council supports the principle of restoration it should be in a strong position to insist this takes place.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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402	Mr J	Seagrave	4		For the developer it should be a sales attraction. Canals are popular.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
403	Mr H	Smith	1		It is essential that the construction of the canal must be included as part of the infrastructure of the New Eastern Villages and that it should be funded by the developers.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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403	Mr H	Smith	2		The canal is a vital link in the steady progress of the extension of the canal in various locations to provide a link between Kennet & Avon Canal at Semington, the River Thames at Abingdon and the Thames & Severn Canal, part of the Cotswold Canals, at or near Cricklade.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
403	Mr H	Smith	3		<p>The provision of a canal will provide a USP with all that it brings on the back of it:</p> <p>Property enhancement</p> <p>A distinct waterside character</p> <p>Leisure &amp; recreational enhancement</p> <p>Creation of a wildlife habitat &amp; increased biodiversity</p> <p>Opportunities for land drainage &amp; flood relief</p> <p>An asset for future generations</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
404	Mr C	Hinton	1		Concern needs to be expressed regarding the safe passage of schoolchildren from South Marston to the proposed Secondary School at the Great Stall East. Without Council funded transport, children will be required to cross the extremely dangerous A420 at peak usage.		Controlled crossing points are being installed at the Symmetry Park access, serving footpath 5 and the proposed Rail Bridge crossing, and are planned within current designs at the Old Vicarage Lane junction. Crossing points will therefore be provided at each end of the South Marston Development across the A420, providing good access to the Secondary School facilities.

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404	Mr C	Hinton	2		At a time when the NHS is in crisis and doctor's surgeries are struggling to appoint new GP's, SBC seem to fail to address how health provision including dental practices will be adequately covered. We understand that legally, this needs to be covered before planning is granted. Similarly, the matter of shortage of water has not been properly addressed.		Policy NC3 sets out a requirement for the provision of health care facilities at the NEV including the provision of a dentist and pharmacy at the District Centre. Unless directly related to development at the NEV there is no policy basis to secure contributions towards the GWH.
404	Mr C	Hinton	3		The documents fail to make clear who will be historically responsible for clearing ditches and pipework and maintaining the landscape.		<p>With regards to drainage, historically, it is the responsibility of the landowners for clearing ditches and other land drainage on their land. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that a suitable maintenance management plan is provided for future maintenance for any existing drainage features to be retained as well as any proposed drainage infrastructure. The Council are unable to state who will be responsible for carrying out the maintenance at this stage but it will be the responsibility of the developer to ensure that an adequate maintenance model can be implemented.</p> <p>A number of potential maintenance models are detailed in the SuDS Vision SPD.</p>

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404	Mr C	Hinton	4		No cycle or footpath has been shown along the Wanborough Road on the Masterplan.		Noted. Strategic foot and cycleways have been included on the Masterplan. This does not preclude other routes being provided alongside existing roads where necessary and would be delivered/secured through the detailed planning application process.
404	Mr C	Hinton	5		The plan fails to detail important infrastructure junctions and does not show how the Southern Connector Road will cross the Wanborough Road or how it will link with Pack Hill and Commonhead.		Unknown constraints prevent the development of a fixed SCR route at this stage and hence the alignment on the Masterplan is considered indicative only.
404	Mr C	Hinton	6		Redlands Village - the number of houses outlined does not conform with the recommendation of the NEV Planning Consultant Inspector, Mr Fox.		Reference is made specifically to the Inspector's Report on the examination of the Local Plan. The allocation for a mixed use development at the NEV, including Redlands Village is in conformity with the adopted Local Plan 2026 subject to detailed site assessment through the development management process.
404	Mr C	Hinton	7		No account has been taken of the impact of additional transport on the small country lanes of Burycroft and The Marsh.		This will be assessed as the designs evolve and local impact is assessed.
405	Ms K	Elliott	1		First of all, despite having attended public meetings, I had no conception of how Covingham will be so affected by these new "villages". The words "Covingham Transport Corridor" are not welcome.		The Local Plan stipulates that the New Eastern Villages development will provide measures to minimise rat-running through existing adjacent villages and east Swindon. These areas of concern include Covingham and mitigation measures to avoid rat-running through this area will be considered.

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405	Ms K	Elliott	2		<p>However, I have looked at the proposals looking for some good and in particular the proposed canal and as far as I can see it is expected that the Developers will only be expected to meet part of the cost of the canal delivery. This worries me as I feel this could lead to funding not being available to build the canal as planned and especially the guarding of the canal corridor.</p> <p>I think it is vitally important that the canal is included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure. It would help with land drainage and possible flooding and of course provide a wonderful habitat for wild life.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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407	Ms H	Preston	1		<p>I wish to respond to the consultation about the New Eastern Villages, particularly with regard to the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal. I wish to make the point that the canal needs to be built as part of the development in this area.</p> <p>The canal is an important opportunity to improve flood risk and drainage in east Swindon, which suffers from known sewer and surface water flooding issues. Properly designed, the canal can be part of a flood alleviation scheme for the area. The construction of the canal should be developer funded, as the developer will benefit from an increase in property prices near to the canal.</p> <p>The council has an obligation to improve the health of local people. The Wilts and Berks Canal will create an area for walking and cycling, which has a large potential to improve people's general health and wellbeing.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
407	Ms H	Preston	2		<p>I write as a member of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, and as a Flood Risk Engineer by profession. It is of concern that Swindon Borough Council appears not to have taken previous comments by the WBCT into consideration, and I sincerely hope that you will do so in the second round.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>



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408	Mr G	Ashton	1		Swindon Borough Council seems not to have taken our previously stated views into account		On the basis of the interest generated by the first draft SPD, the Council felt it was important to reconsult on appropriate changes made in light of comments received.
408	Mr G	Ashton	2		The construction of the canal must be included as part of the New Eastern Villages infrastructure.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
408	Mr G	Ashton	3		The canal should be funded by the developers.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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408	Mr G	Ashton	4		The canal offers opportunities for flood relief and land drainage.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
408	Mr G	Ashton	5		The canal offers a wonderful opportunity to make a distinctive character for the New Eastern Villages.		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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408	Mr G	Ashton	6		Working canals in other location have created property uplift, and will do here as well.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
408	Mr G	Ashton	7		A built canal will create recreational and leisure assets and increase peoples well-being.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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408	Mr G	Ashton	8		A built canal will create wildlife habitat assets, and increase biodiversity.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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409	Dr M	Wigfield	1		<p>I have been asked by the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust to add my voice to their concerns that Swindon Borough Council Consultation on New Eastern Villages doesn't seem to be considering the undoubted benefits that ensuring the success of the canal will bring to Swindon. The benefits are well known and to lose the opportunity to capitalize on them would be regrettable.</p> <p>I have been a member of the Trust for the last 30 years, have cruised the canal system of England for a similar length of time. For 20 years I was in general practice in Swindon and can appreciate what a successful canal scheme would mean, not only to boaters but the residents of Swindon. 30 years ago one of my patients was walking contour-lines seeking a course for the canal through the 'front garden' recognizing that the original route through the town was impracticable. I hope his efforts will not be in vain.</p> <p>I urge you to consider efforts to bring the restoration of this important waterway as positively as possible.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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410	R	Worton	1		As the planned New Eastern Villages development is forthcoming, can the Swindon Borough Council insist that the "Developers" allow for the Wilts and Berks Canal line to continue through the Eastern Villages Development unheeded and the Canal constructed as it is the longest canal in this country?		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
410	R	Worton	2		<p>As there has been enormous effort put into the restoration so far and would be a enormous set back for the work that has been already done. It would have vast beneficial effect on the Tourist industry and wildlife etc.</p> <p>Please make sure that the CANAL can be restored without these developers with vast profits are allowed to STALL this progress.</p> <p>Ps The "WICHELSTOWE" developer built the CANAL AT WICHELSTOWE.</p>		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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411	V	Ransom	1		<p>At present I am unable to access your documents on line, but I have been given to understand that the Revised Draft SPD does not give a clear commitment to force the builders of the NEV to build the canal in the area.</p> <p>Given that all over the country canals are being recued, reconstructed or repaired, and re-watered it would be very short-sighted indeed not to seize this opportunity to get your bit done free of charge by qualified builders. Other councils have embraced with fervour the benefits to be gained from a thriving viable waterway, ranging from leisure + amenity, to economic stimulus through to water/drainage management.</p> <p>This would be a good time to grab those benefit, rather than kick yourselves a few years down the line.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
412	C	Barnes	1		<p>Safeguarding Wilts and Berks Canal corridor as part of the regeneration of waterways in Britain.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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413	Mr B	Simmons	1		The NEV Development should include provision for the WCB. It should be financed by the developer		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
415	Mr A	Kirby	1		Please ensure that the line of the canal is preserved. The canal should be built with funding from the developers		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.



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416	Mr J	Flutter	1		I am disappointed that the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust's views appear not to have been taken into account. It seems obvious to me that the best compromise would be to require them to include the Wilts & Berks, as they will need to meet statutory requirements over drainage.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
417	Mr P	Holley	1		The Supplementary Planning Document fails in my opinion, to take proper account of some important issues previously raised with you. The construction of a canal must be a prerequisite for any developers intending to participate in and profit from the provision of the new Eastern Village infrastructure.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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418	Mr D	Bell	1		The safeguarding of the WBC route is not enough, the canal needs to be incorporated into the project		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
419	Mr J	Gordon	1		The current SPD falls short of previous cooperation and financial support given by Swindon.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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420	Ms J	Edwards	1		Regeneration of the WBC		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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421	N	McConnell	1		<p>I am a member of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, and they have written to me advising that Swindon Borough Council are not fully committed or behind the Trusts proposals.</p> <p>I find this quite staggering that there is not a 100% support for the Trusts efforts. A green corridor through the heart of Swindon and will be exceptionally healthy for all the local residents to use and enjoy. I had occasion to walk on a small section which had a good footpath surface and which only part of the canal was in water. The number of walkers etc. was such that the volunteers working on that section said that they should be selling ice creams instead!</p> <p>So why is this not being formed as part of the New Eastern Villages development I do not know, it is not as though it will be of any cost to the Council as all the works should be funded by the developers especially as it could form part of ( I think it was called a 106) agreement.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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421	N	McConnell	2		I am sure that a canal will be of benefit in helping with flood relief and land drainage, now that weather conditions are turning more extreme.		<p>The Council acknowledge that a canal can provide some of the main principles of an overall SuDS scheme to provide drainage and flood risk benefits and it has been recognised in the SuDS Vision SPD that if delivered as part of the development, the canal can be part of the drainage solution for some areas of the development.</p> <p>Therefore the Council is happy to consider the canal as part of the drainage solution for a development parcel, where it is being proposed by the applicant however, the Council cannot specify which drainage solutions are used to meet the requirements of an overall SuDS scheme.</p>
421	N	McConnell	3		The other assets the new canal would offer is the enhancement of the area, and create biodiversity and wildlife habitats. It is up to the Council to give their full support to these proposals. Canals are for boaters to use and for all to enjoy.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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423	Mrs C	Inskip	1		<p>SBC's Consultation Documents:- New Eastern Villages (NEV) Planning Obligations – Revised Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) including the Illustrative Masterplan, village proformas and infrastructure requirements (NEV IDP Update).</p> <p>Pg. 6 2.10</p> <p>“....Provide an effective mechanism for securing the land required for infrastructure within the NEV development area.”</p> <p>Comment: Throughout this document statements like the above are made without any substance or detail. How are consultees expected to respond to global statements that give no indication of process.</p>		Point noted.
423	Mrs C	Inskip	2		<p>Pgs. 8/9 2.21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy TR1: Sustainable Transport Networks. This policy seeks to reduce the need to travel, and support and encourage the sustainable, safe and efficient movement of people and goods within and through the Borough.</li> </ul> <p>Comment: And yet SBC are attempting to reduce public transport services in other areas across the borough. How will public transport costs be sustained for routes to and from NEV?</p>		The Village Proformas require each development parcel to secure or contribute to services to serve its own development.

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423	Mrs C	Inskip	3		<p>Policy TR2: Transport and Development. This policy seeks to ensure new development is located and designed to reduce the need to travel and to encourage the use of sustainable transport alternatives. To assess and mitigate the impact of development and to promote sustainable travel choices, planning applications should be accompanied by a Transport Assessment</p> <p>Comment: The NEV Masterplan doesn't show a cycle route or pedestrian footpath along the Wanborough Road. This is a small country lane that is currently hazardous for cyclists and pedestrians. The width of the road does not accommodate motorised traffic in both directions passing safely either a cyclist or pedestrian and yet a number of motorists attempt to do so. Comment: The NEV Masterplan falls seriously short on detail. It fails to show how the Southern Connector Route will connect with Commonhead Roundabout via Pack Hill nor the route of the Canal at a similar point. The Southern Connector Route is probably the most critical part of the infrastructure, vital to ensure that the NEV works to alleviate negative impact on local village roads; yet the Master plan lacks design elements to inform, assure and provide confidence.</p>		<p>With regards to Wanborough Road: Consideration of improved pedestrian/Cyclist accessibility along Wanborough Road is considered and secured through the Village Proformas. The Masterplan cannot present this level of detail at the scale considered.</p> <p>With regards to the Southern Connector Road: Unknown constraints prevent the development of a fixed SCR route at this stage and hence the alignment on the Masterplan is considered indicative only. All affected landowners will be engaged as the alignment becomes more fixed and access arrangements to land will be considered at that stage.</p>

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423	Mrs C	Inskip	4		<p>Pgs. 9/10</p> <p>4. Securing Planning Obligations at the New Eastern Villages</p> <p>4.2 Currently, the development is progressing through a number of separate outline planning applications submitted by individual landowners, strategic land buyer promoters and developers. The submission of numerous applications presents a challenge when seeking to secure the funding and land for the shared infrastructure that is required for the comprehensive development of the NEV. In addition, it is important to ensure the wider NEV is unlocked for development where this is reliant on access over third party land.</p> <p>4.3 The Council requires a holistic approach to the securing and provision of necessary shared infrastructure for the NEV development, and to ensure infrastructure is delivered in the right place at the right time.</p> <p>Comment: Already difficulties have been experienced between Ainscough and SBC and that is a single developer. The Barberry Group have pushed to take the Redland Development out of phase. SBC outline huge infrastructure requirements which need to be in place prior to development but this does not appear to be in any state of coordination.</p> <p>Comment: This document fails to give any detailed estimation of external funding/costs and wipes away the need</p>		<p>The SPD seeks to ensure the timely delivery of infrastructure and sets out the Council's approach to securing contributions with known costs included. External funding is also considered within the document. The Council will undertake an annual review to ensure the costs and infrastructure items are up-to-date.</p>



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					for clarity with... "It may not be possible to assess this until all the relevant infrastructure has been delivered and comprehensive final costs of delivery are known."		
423	Mrs C	Inskip	5		<p>Page 13</p> <p>Table 1: Summary of Infrastructure Requirements</p> <p>Comment: White hart development £28 million? A420 improvement circa £5 million.</p> <p>How are these going to improve the A420 which goes down into a single lane as soon as it runs into Oxfordshire?</p> <p>Document mentions improvements to Oxford Road, Drakes Way, Covingham Road/Dorcan Way transport corridors but doesn't offer any detail as to what this would entail. How are residents able to respond to such proposals unless more specific information is given e.g. does the Council intend to do away with the Drakes Way frontage road, the Merlin Way frontage Road, the green spaces along Dorcan Road?</p>		<p>The A420 operates insufficiently due to junction capacity constraints rather than road links between junctions. The A420 improvements therefore address the junctions and are forecast to improve the efficiency of the A420 by increasing junction capacity.</p> <p>The schemes to mitigate the traffic impact of the New Eastern Villages have been presented in a number of consultation events. The schemes are however constantly evolving and the final schemes will be subject to the planning process when all affected parties will be consulted.</p>

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423	Mrs C	Inskip	6		<p>Appendix B</p> <p>The document speaks of a new park and ride facility for 1000 cars. Will this be sustainable without significant SBC concessionary funding?</p> <p>What funding will be provided to reduce “rat running” through local Swindon Villages and what measures will be taken and in what areas?</p> <p>What measures to reduce “rat running” through local Swindon villages?</p> <p>The road infrastructure, the schools and the health facilities need to be in place alongside the building of residential properties. Existing facilities cannot take the strain of a number of people moving into these areas without independent provision.</p>		<p>Park and Ride funding will be sought from developers as part of the SPD; no SBC concessionary funding is proposed.</p> <p>The Village proformas consider the requirement for traffic management and calming in local Swindon Villages to make rat-running route choices less attractive to the alternative of using the A420 and A419. The funding for these measures will be sought from developers.</p> <p>The timed delivery of supporting infrastructure is subject to financial constraint, but will be delivered comprehensively against secured Section 106 agreement contributions and other available funding streams.</p>
423	Mrs C	Inskip	7		<p>Finally, I would like to express my concern that these documents were issued in July with a consultation period during the school summer recess when many people would not have had time to respond.</p>		<p>Point noted. The commencement of the consultation started before the summer holiday period to provide an opportunity for responses to be made.</p>

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424	Mr D	Weatherle	1		It is important that a condition of the development should be the restoration of the canal by the developers. This will improve the environment and potential property values as well as providing flood relief and a natural feature. The canal is an asset that needs to be taken advantage of.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
425	Mr J	Theobald	1		1.5 SBC seems to have not taken into account previously stated views about Eastern Villages development, in relation to development of the W & Berks Canal.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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425	Mr J	Theobald	2		2. The canal needs to be made part of the development infrastructure.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
425	Mr J	Theobald	3		3. The canal needs therefore to be funded by the respective developers.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.

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425	Mr J	Theobald	4		4. The canal would offer opportunities for flood relief & land drainage in addition to adding a distinctive character to the area, adding value to the properties, providing a local leisure facility and creating new wildlife habitats, thereby increasing biodiversity in that area.		The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
425	Mr J	Theobald	5		<p>As a resident of Royal Wootton Bassett, the development of the canal around eastern Swindon would help open up a reasonable length of canal, running from my town to Eastern Swindon, which could then be fully utilised by small boats &amp; leisure crafts.</p> <p>The more regular use of the canal by boats in this way would then reduce the amount of routine maintenance currently required to prevent weed growth from making the current watered section unnavigable i.e. that section of the restored canal could become self - sustainable in terms of maintenance.</p>		Point noted.

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428	Miss M	Hughes	1		<p>I am writing in response to a letter sent to my father, Mr. Graham Hughes re the consultation of the new Eastern Villages.</p> <p>My father and I would like pledge our support of the canal construction as an enforceable part of the infrastructure development.</p> <p>I hope this email is sufficient for you to put forward as part of your processes.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>
429	D H	Brewer	1		<p>Canal through the NEV will greatly enhance the quality of life from the residents. As a Swindonian I hope the canal scheme goes through and the builders help with the cost.</p>		<p>The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts &amp; Berks Canal within the NEV would bring for existing and new communities. In accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.</p>

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429	D H	Brewer	1		The NEV canal will greatly improve the area for local residents. The developers should help with the cost.	Reply not required	The Council recognises and welcomes the significant benefits that future delivery of the Wilts & Berks Canal within the NEV would provided for existing and new residents and visitors and in accord with Local Plan policy, development should not compromise the delivery of the canal at the NEV. However, the Council cannot enforce delivery through the planning process. In the short term, the safeguarded route presents a recreational opportunity for walking, cycling and biodiversity gain.
430	Mr P	Herring	1		<p>There does not seem to be any obligation on the developer to fund any construction of those parts of the route which pass through their development zone, as was the case in the Wichelstowe development.</p> <p>The proposed sites of the village community/retail centres in Lotmead, Lower Lotmead and Foxbridge are not currently planned to be next to the canal.</p>	I would suggest moving these areas to a location such that they can benefit from the proposed canal, and so that they can enhance the canal experience itself.	Point noted.
430	Mr P	Herring	2	1	Disappointed at the chosen location of the new park and ride facility.	Locate the P&R to the south of the development area (near Foxbridge), in order to service both the M4 and A419, without adding traffic to the White Hart junction.	The indicative location of the park and ride has been informed by the Local Plan.