Canal & River Trust
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Wiltshire Unitary Authority

Your Ref PL/2023/10736

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2024-40764

Tuesday 2 April 2024

Dear Verity Giles-Franklin,

Proposal: Removal and replacement of the existing wingwalls and temporary erection of an overbridge structure at the canal bridge on Whaddon lane to enable the construction of Whaddon farm solar park

Location: Canal Bridge, Whaddon Lane, Hilperton, Trowbridge

Waterway: Kennet & Avon Canal

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

Based on the information available our substantive response (as required by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)) is the following general advice:

Previously the Trust requested further details with regard to whether the bridge presents potential or actual roosting or nesting habitat. Following receipt of this information the Trust has no further comments to make on that element of the proposal.

We also requested further details regarding pollution prevention, but it is not clear if this has yet been provided. For information, the applicant has commenced discussions with the Canal & River Trust regarding the proposed works. It is requested that a time extension is permitted to allow further discussions to take place as necessary.

An updated response will be provided as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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