

Wiltshire Council
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
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Your Ref PL/2026/04823

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2026-47430

Friday 21 August 2026

Dear James Taylor,

Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access from the A4/London Road for up to 600 dwellings, together with land for a local centre (Use Classes E and F), areas of open space and landscaping, and associated infrastructure

Location: Land at Forest Farm, Chippenham

Waterway:

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:

The site is crossed by the route of the Wiltshire & Berkshire canal which is not owned or maintained by the Canal & River Trust. We note that the planning statement document mentions at Page 10 that a meeting was held with the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust on 13th July and at Page 19 under "Restoration of the Canal" the document states that "While not part of the planning application the proposals have been designed to allow the future restoration of the canal, which runs parallel to the southern boundary of the site."

The Trust request that the applicants continue to work with the WBCT to ensure that the canal route is suitably safeguarded.

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

Yours sincerely,

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