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Wiltshire Council
County Hall
Bythesea Road
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Wiltshire
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Your Ref PL/2026/04596

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2026-47435

Thursday 27 August 2026

Dear Jonathan James,

Proposal: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) and Condition 4 (Landscape and Ecology Management Plan) of Planning Permission PL/2023/01643

Location: Land North of Conscience Lane, Roundway,, Land East of Marlborough Road, Devizes and, Land adjacent Bridge Inn, Horton Road, Devizes

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.

The Trust has reviewed the application but is **unable to make a substantive response** under the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) due to the **absence of the following information**:

Due to the proximity of the bund to the top of the canal cutting please can the applicant be requested to provide details of how the proposed topsoil bunds/earthworks are likely to interact with the canal or cutting slope.

Additional loading near the crest/shoulder of the cutting slope may have destabilising effects on our structure.

In addition, any retained water in attenuation ponds near the cutting slope have the possibility of destabilising the slope. Ideally, we would need to see a cross section through the site which shows the location of the new soil bunds, and attenuation ponds if their location has altered, in relation to the canal cutting and canal, so that we can make a more informed judgement on likely risks to our structure.

We will make a **substantive** response within 21 days from the date of receipt of this information.

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

Yours sincerely,

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