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The Lapal Canal Trust would like to formally provide information as part of the consultation process on the Black Country Core Strategy Document. We would have liked to do this on line, but our proposal affects a number of the consultation areas

In 1990 the Lapal Canal Trust was established to promote and ensure the eventual restoration of the Dudley No 2 Canal. Canals are recognised as an important benefit for both nature and health. It's a public amenity for boating, canoeing , walking, cycling and fishing. The restored Lapal link will create a popular green walkway from Selly Oak via Halesowen to Netherton. We would like to make sure that the route for restoration of the Dudley No 2 canal is protected, As you are aware some years ago Dudley Council worked on restoring a section of the Dudley No 2 Canal in the Leasowes. In 2007 Atkins was commissioned to prepare a Feasibility Proposal, The report is 9MB and copies are available if requested. Atkins confirmed that the restoration is feasible but advised on a route via Woodgate Valley Park rather than reopening the tunnel. We are seeking to make sure that the route from the Park to the Leasowes is protected. I have attached a plan from the Atkins proposal, there was two alternative suggestions for crossing Manor Way.

The Lapal Canal Trust would like to confirm our support to retain this area as part of the Green Belt, but whatever happens we are keen to make sure that the canal route is protected. More than happy to meet to discuss. As you might be aware Birmingham City Council insisted on Land Securities allocating £2.9m via a 106 agreement to protect the route through the new Sainsbury Store development in Selly Oak and has secured the route to California and the Woodgate Valley Park.

Kind regards,

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