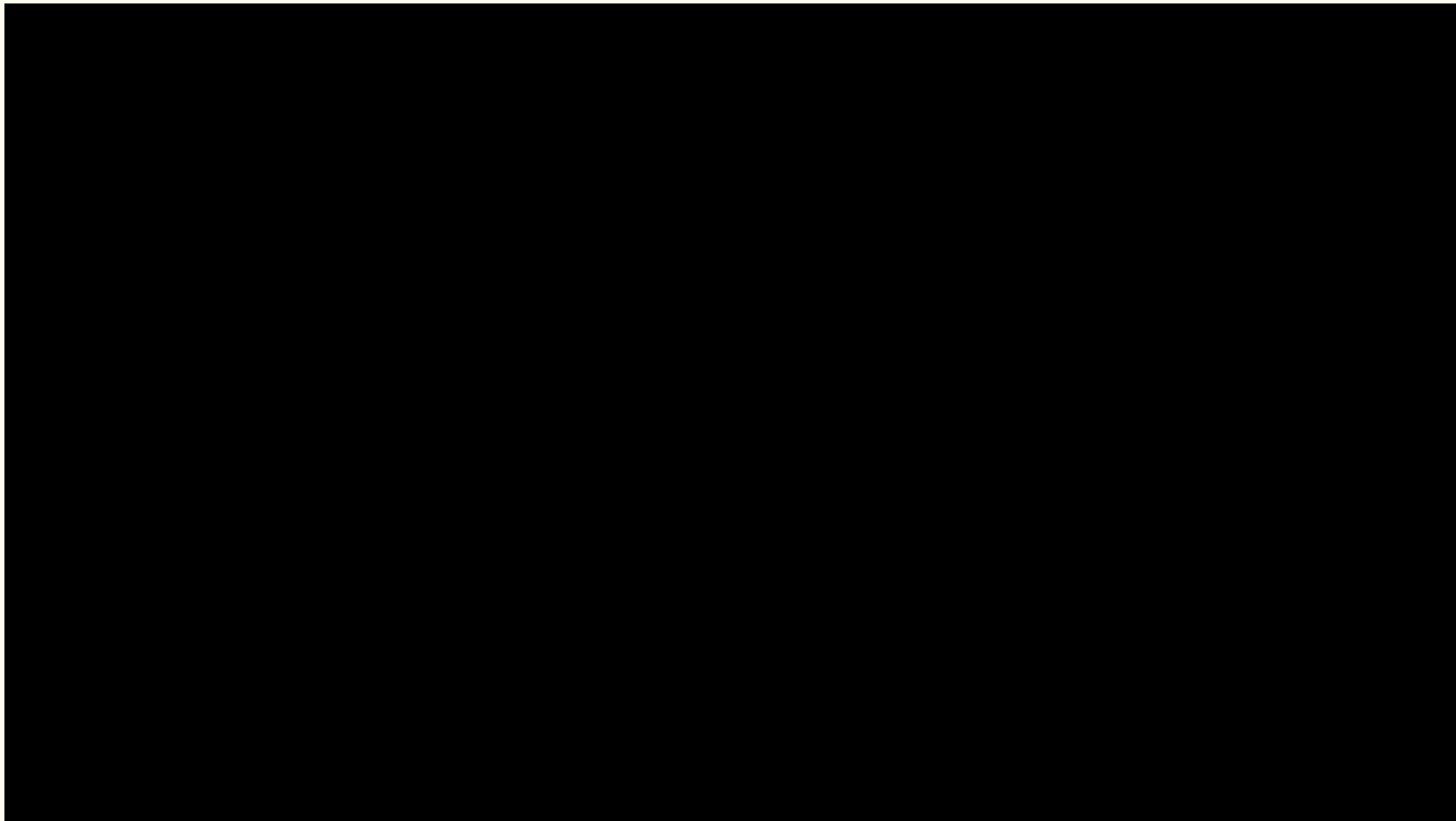




Welcome to the Cotswold Canals Connected Webinar

We will be starting at 5pm

Webinar Housekeeping

The Webinar will last 45 minutes with 15 minutes for Q&A



Microphones are muted



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**Please ask questions using the Q&A function -
chat is disabled**



This session will be recorded



**PRESERVING THE HISTORY &
BUILDING THE FUTURE OF THE
CANALS IN THE STROUD DISTRICT**

Cotswold Canals Connected

Project Overview Webinar - 21 February 2022

Chris Mitford-Slade – Project Director

What is Cotswold Canals Connected?

**STRATEGIC
PARTNERS**

Cotswold Canals Trust



Canal & River Trust



Gloucestershire County Council



Stroud Valleys Canal Company



Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust



Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity



Stroud District Council



A large yellow Sany crane is lifting a concrete bridge pier at a construction site. Two workers in orange safety gear are standing on a blue platform near the base of the pier. The background shows a clear blue sky and some greenery.

Stonehouse to Saul Junction

(2021 – 2025)

Multi £Million Infrastructure Project supported by:

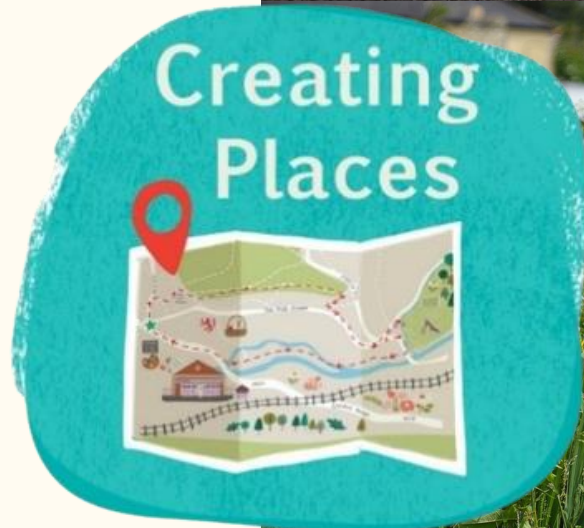
- **National Lottery Heritage Fund**
- **National Highways**
- **Charities & Partners**
- **Private Donors**
- **Volunteers**



Strategic Aims

WHAT ARE OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES?

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CREATING A SENSE OF PLACE THROUGH RENOVATING & ENHANCING OUR HERITAGE



Working with
Nature



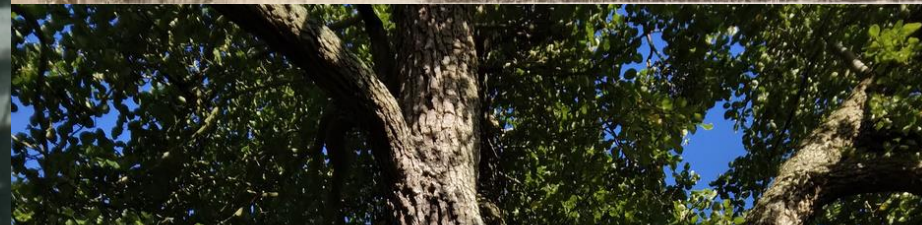
**CONSERVING, PROTECTING &
ENHANCING WILDLIFE BY
CREATING & IMPROVING
HABITATS**



Inclusive & Cohesive Communities

**BROADENING OPPORTUNITIES TO
A WIDER AUDIENCE - ENSURING
UNDER REPRESENTED GROUPS
ARE INVOLVED**





CREATE & STRENGTHEN PATHWAYS FOR HERITAGE EDUCATION & LEARNING BY IMPROVING ACCESS



Prosperous &
Connected
Communities



**BUILDING PROSPEROUS &
CONNECTED COMMUNITIES
BY CONNECTING TOWNS,
RAILWAYS & WATERWAYS**



PHASE 1A

- **Completed**



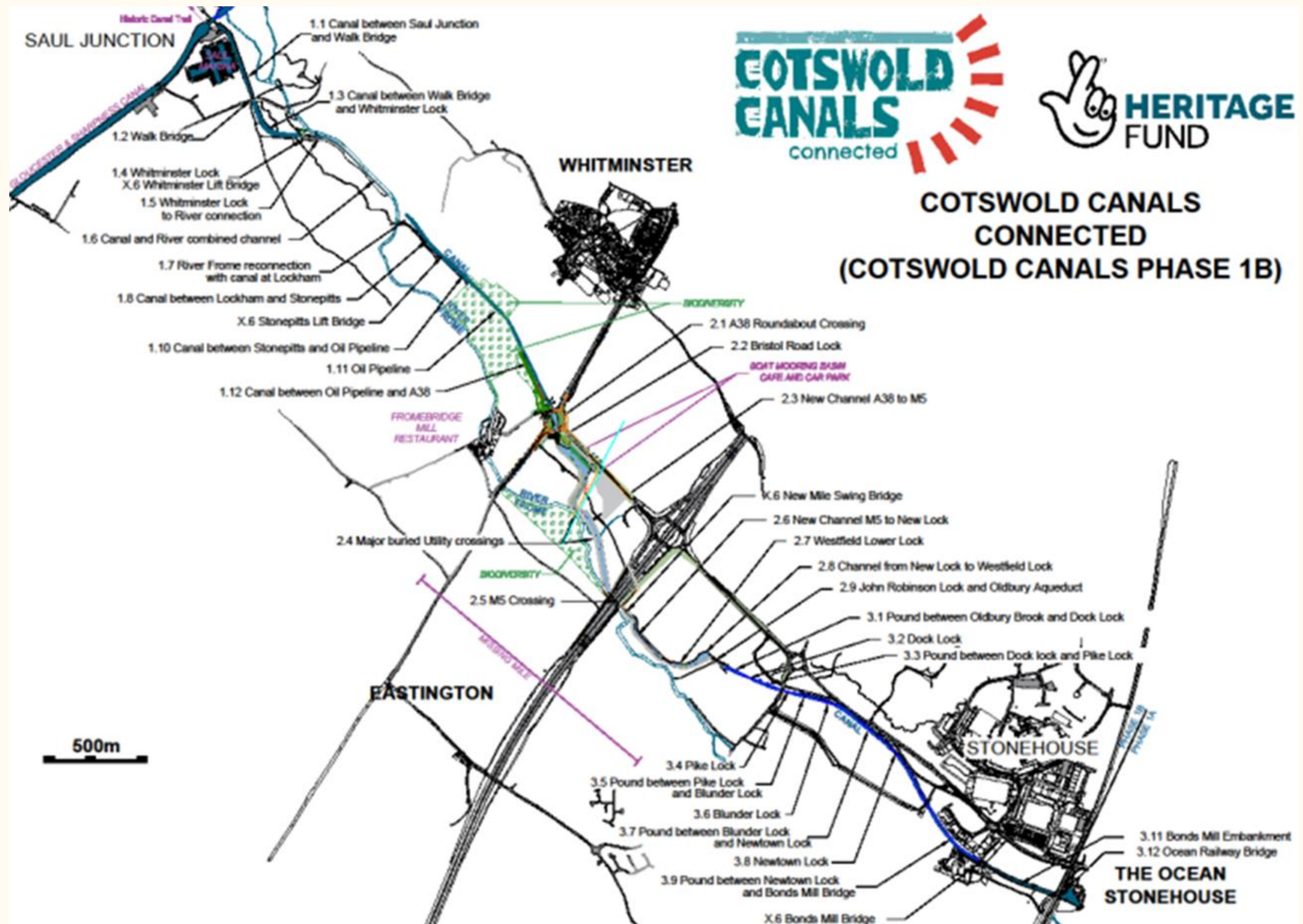
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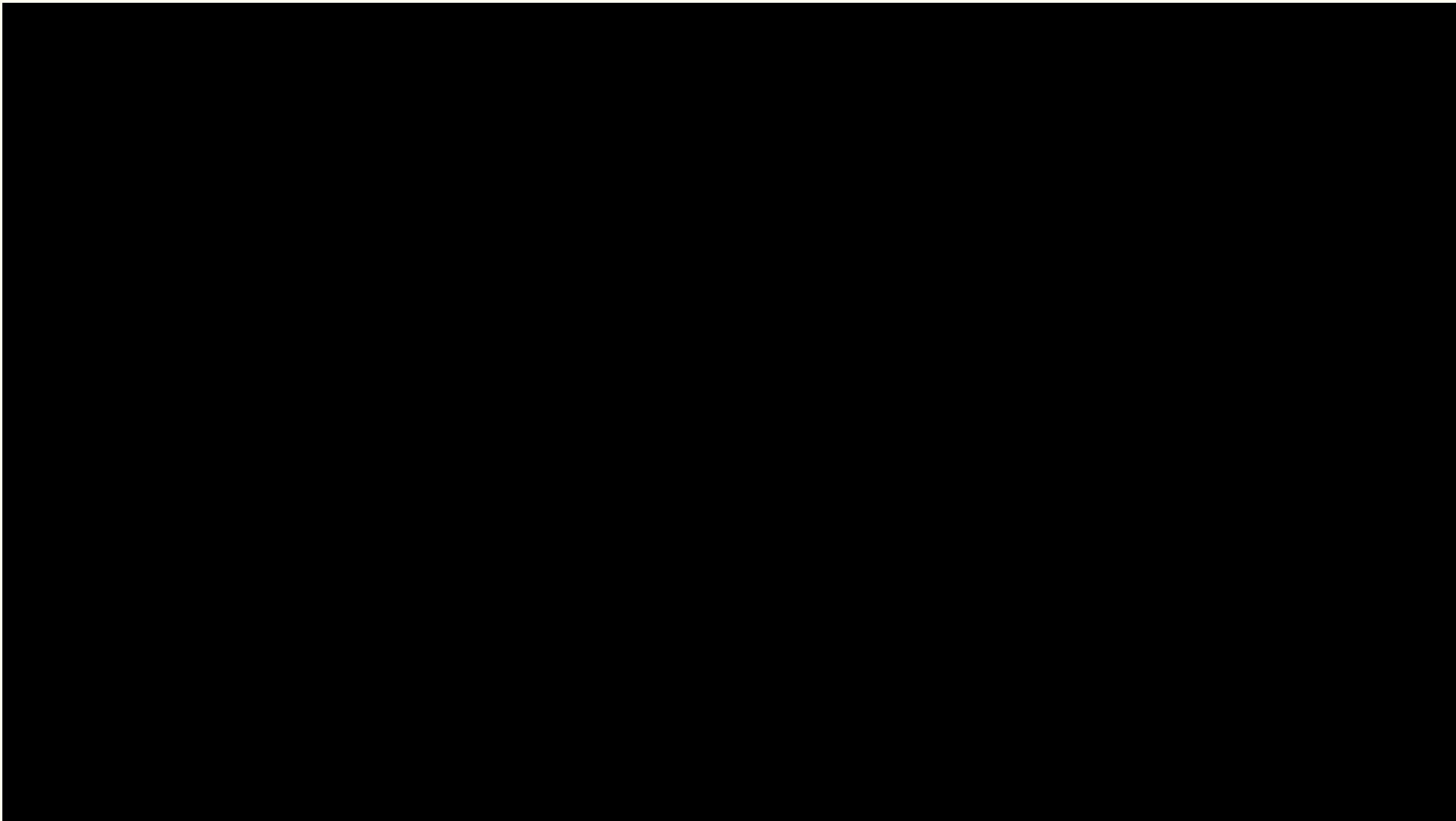
NEW

DEVELOPMENT

- **SDC has submitted planning application**
- **Awaiting developer**

PHASE 1B





Ocean Railway Bridge Time-Lapse



**A PROJECT OF HERITAGE
RESTORATION & NEW BUILD**

Engineering Delivery

Glenn Dooley - Engineering Manager

What is Phase 1B?

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WEST — — — — — **EAST**

Section 1



**Saul Junction to
A38 roundabout,
Whitminster**

Section 2



**A38 to
Eastington –
The Missing
Mile**

Section 3



**Eastington to
The Ocean,
Stonehouse**



Engineering of Phase 1B
**The project falls either
to restoration...**

Engineering of Phase 1B Or new build...



Current situation



Proposed multi-user trail

**OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ACCESS**

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What makes this project special?

A unique approach to delivering major civil engineering

Provides new jobs & opportunities for volunteers

Volunteers have inspired everything we do

We value feedback from our community

Combining volunteer passion with professional delivery



Section 3

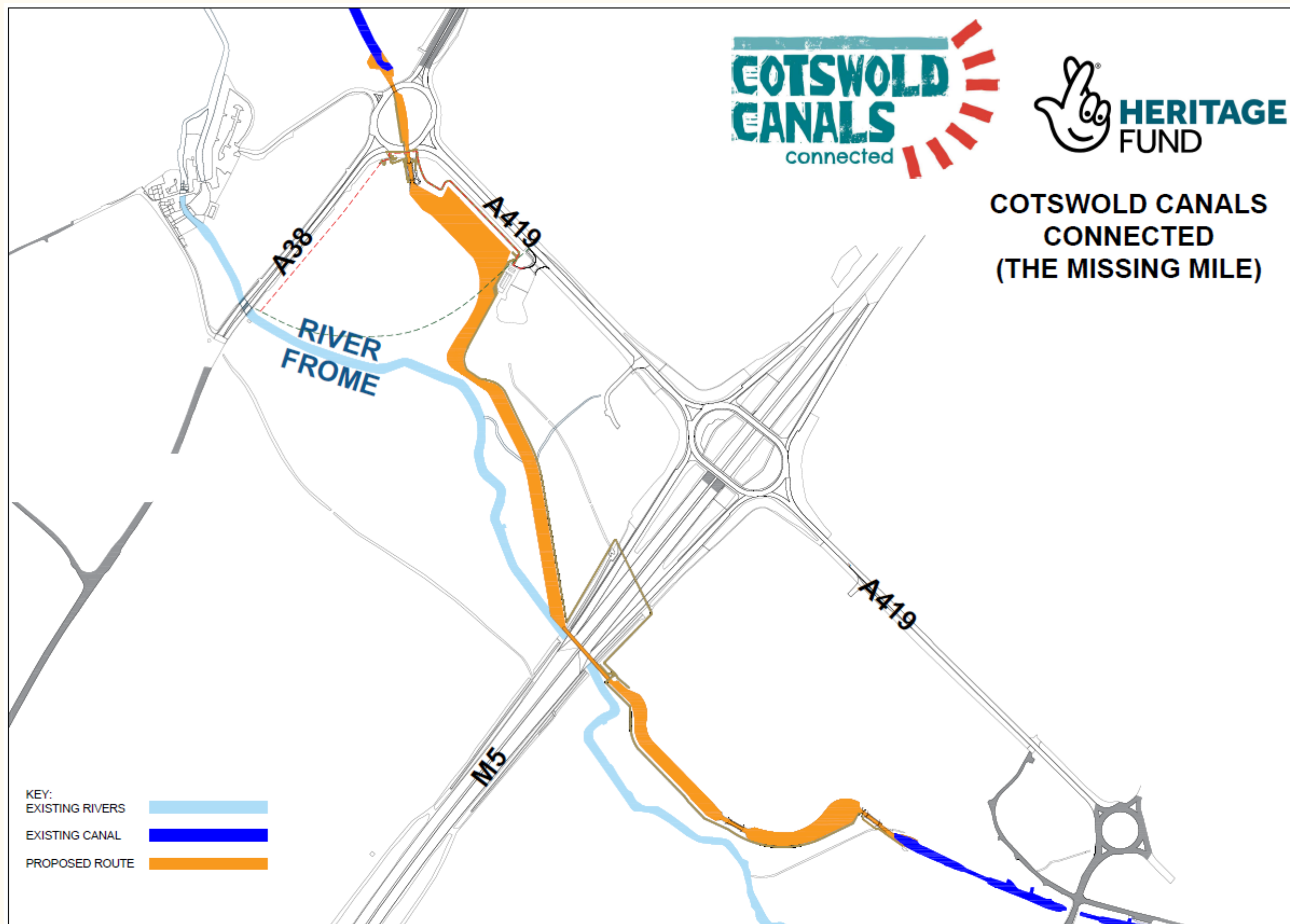
Eastington to The Ocean, Stonehouse

- Ocean Railway Bridge
- New lift bridge at Bonds Mill
- Restoration of five heritage locks
- Dredge the canal
- Restore canal banks and towpath



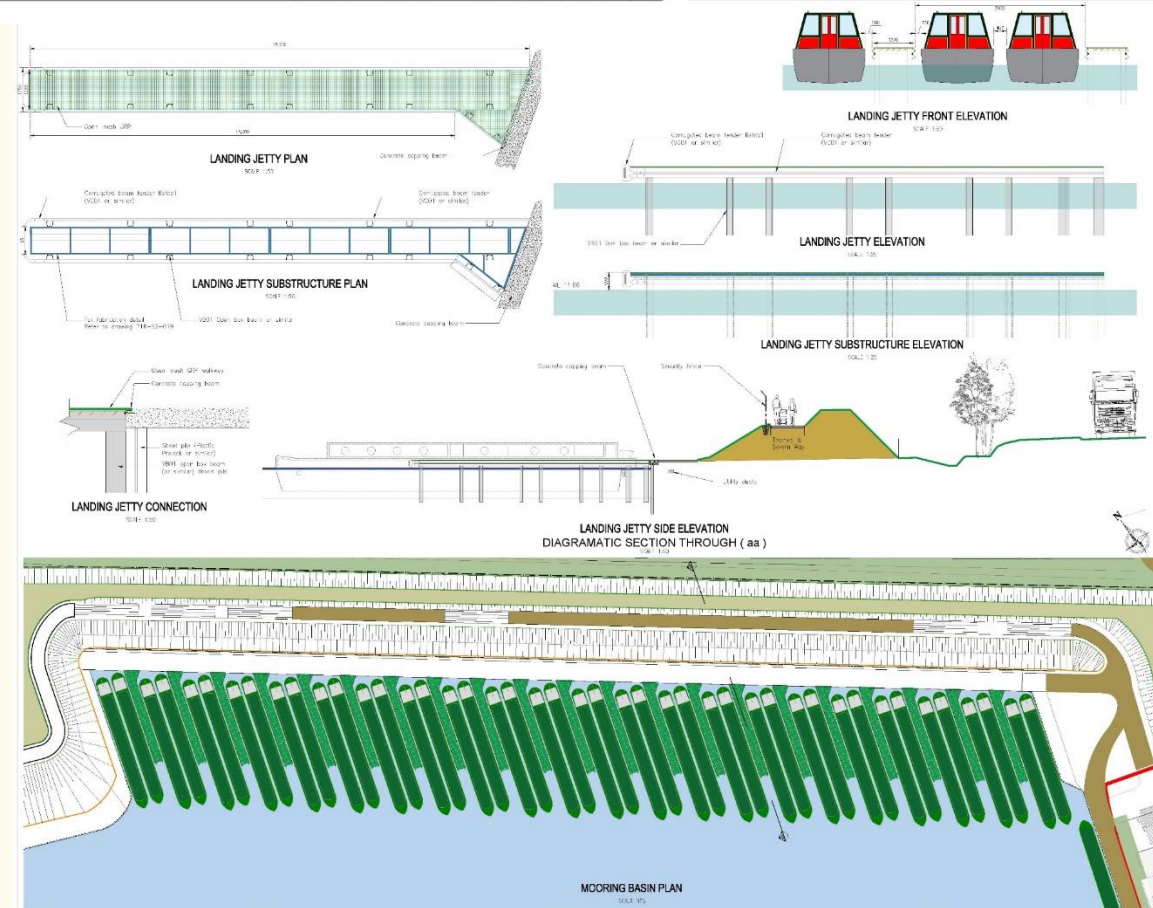
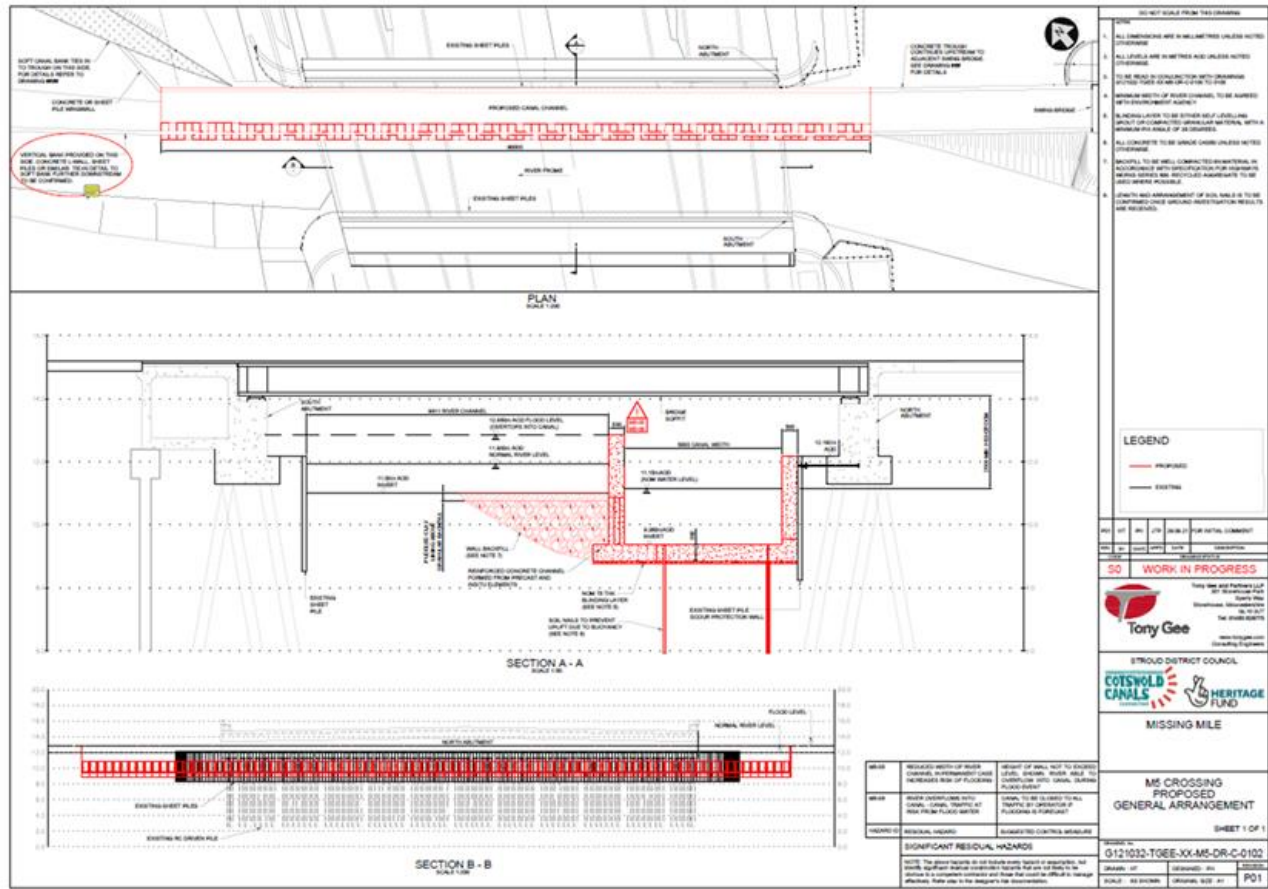
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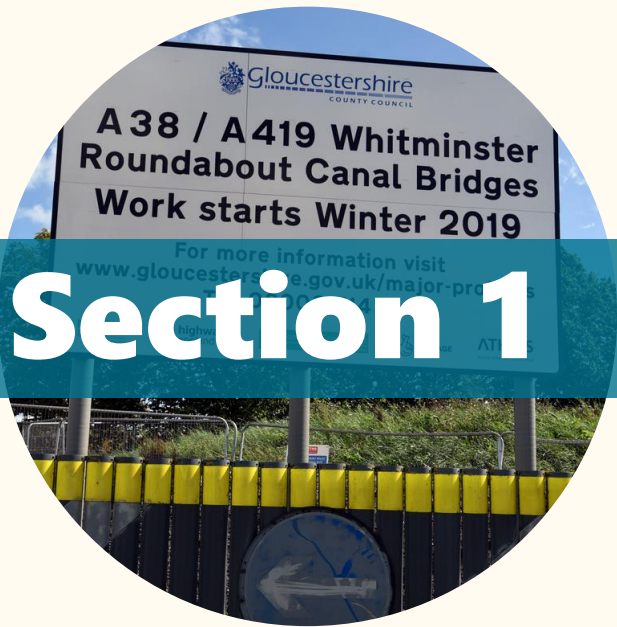
A38 to Eastington – The Missing Mile





M5 Crossing

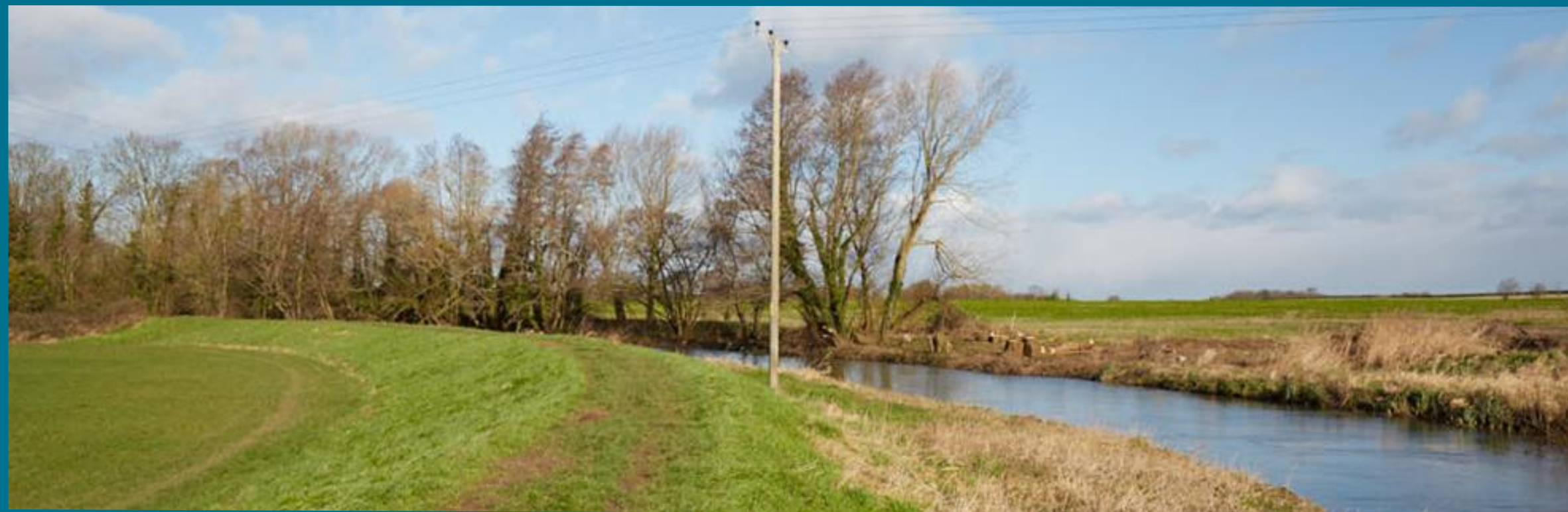




Section 1

**Saul Junction to
A38
roundabout,
Whitminster**

- **Utility pipeline diversion**
- **New bridges at Stonepitts & Whitminster**
- **Canalisation of River Frome**
- **Restore Whitminster lock**
- **Replace Walk bridge**
- **Build a new towpath**
- **Dredge the canal**





**CONSERVING, PROTECTING &
ENHANCING WILDLIFE BY
CREATING NEW HABITATS THAT
MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF THE
RESTORATION**

Working with Nature

Anna Tarbet – Environment Manager



Work To Date

**Protected
Species
Surveys**

**Habitat
condition
assessment**

**Partnership
working**

**Management
of consenting
& project risk**

**Embedding
environmenta
l principles
within design**

**Feasibility
& design**

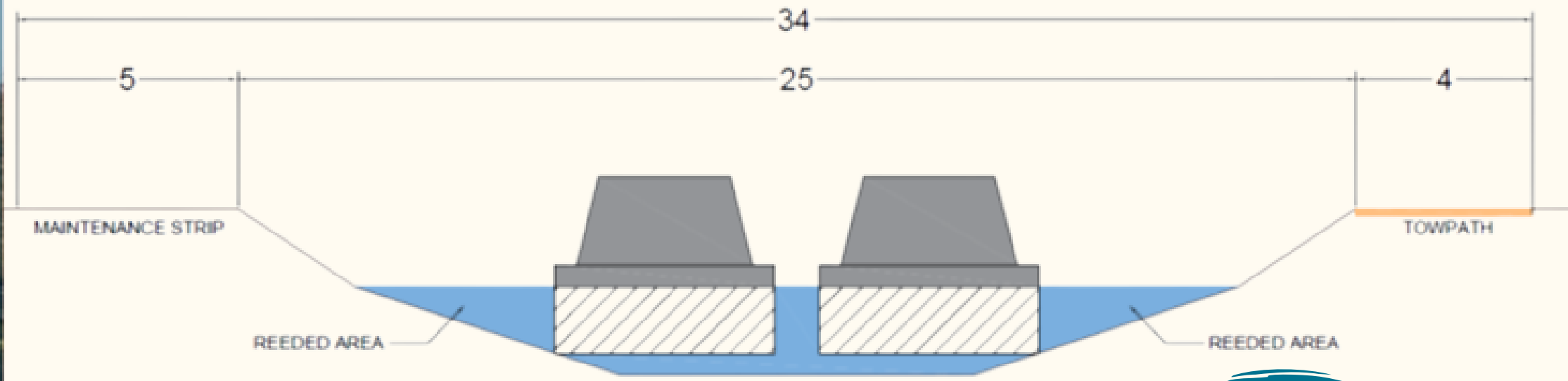
**Programme &
Budgeting**

Bioengineering & Nature-based Solutions



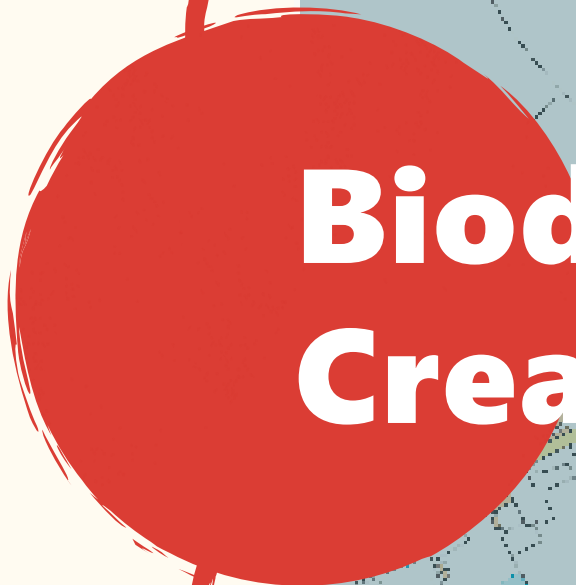
Innovative canal design

Tussock sedges as canal bank protection

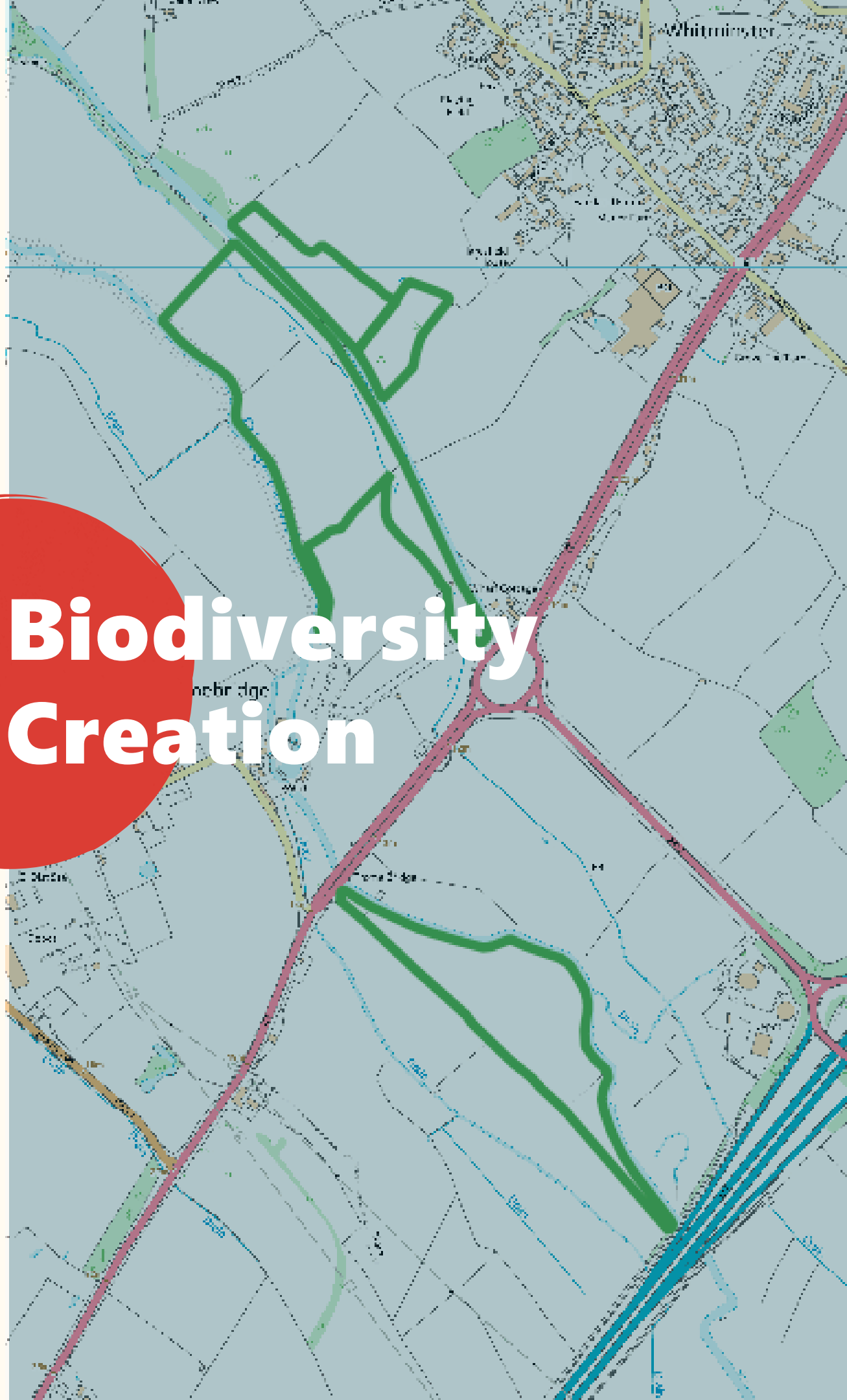


Vegetation choices to prevent erosion & improve bank stability

Create zones for wildlife & people to minimise disturbance



Biodiversity Creation



Priority Habitat



Connectivity



Volunteer Led



Functionality



Biodiversity Accounting (BNG)

Programme of works

2022

**Off-line
pond
creation**

**Riparian
habitat
enhancement**

**Missing
Mile
excavation**

**Creation
of tree
database**

**Restoration
of grassland**

**Continued
restoration
of orchard**

**Environmental
Stewardship**

Programme of works

2023

**Wetland &
fen creation**

**Elver
monitoring**

**Creation of
scrapes, ponds
& grazing
marsh**

**Water vole
translocation**

**Pill box
conversion**

Wider Landscape Connectivity



Wildflowers



River Corridor



Towpaths



Built Habitat



Hedgerows



**Building with
Nature**

Community Engagement

Building Our Team

Themes:

- Connecting communities & organisations along the canal corridor
- Providing choice & opportunity for all
- Open & accessible for all

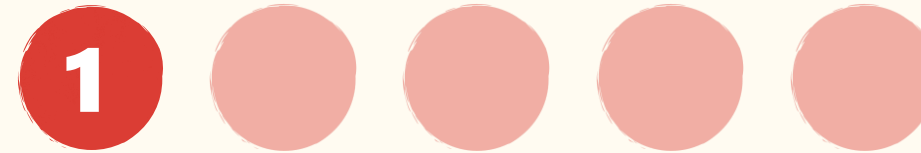
Focus for 2022

- Volunteering
- Events
- Health & Wellbeing



Working in Partnership

Inclusive to all



LOCAL COUNCILS

Stroud
Stonehouse
Cainscross
Leonard Stanley
Eastington
Whitminster
Brimscombe & Thrupp
Chalford
Kings Stanley
Rodborough
Nailsworth
Frampton

COMMUNITY HUBS

Paganhill Community Group
Stonehouse Community Centre
GL11 Community Hub

YOUTH

Youth Council
Nailsworth Youth Group
The Door
Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust (Marling School)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Barnwood Trust
Nelson Trust
SCAPS
P3 Marah Trust
Ark House, Park House & Fairshires

ENVIRONMENT

Stroud Valleys Projects
Local Nature Partnership
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
Gloucestershire Orchard Trust
River Severn Trust
The Inland Waterways Association

CULTURE, MEDIA AND ARTS

Museum in the Park
Stroudwater Textiles Trust
Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology
Stroud Valley Arts (SVA)
Miniature Museum
Subscription Rooms

HEALTH & WELLBEING

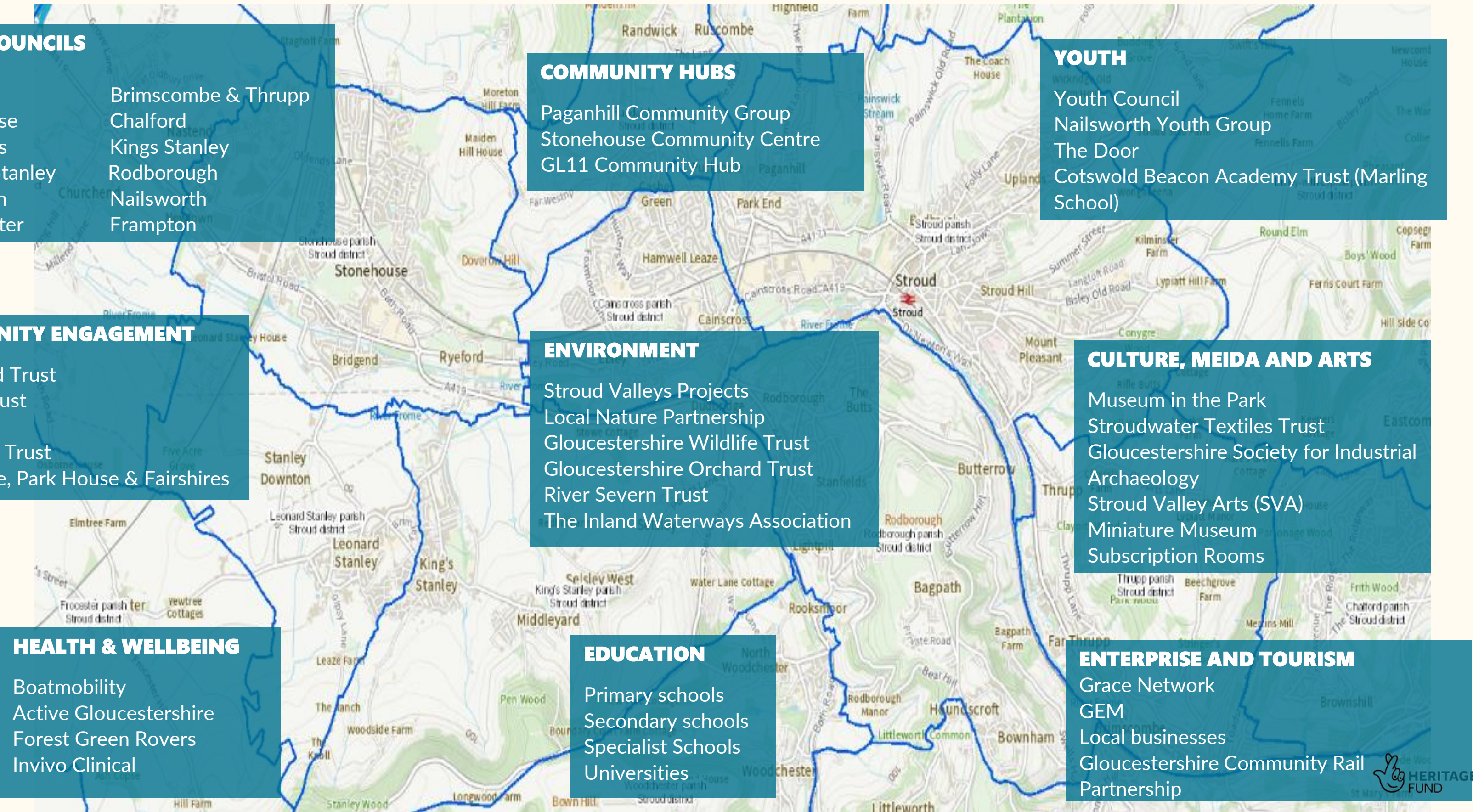
Boatmobility
Active Gloucestershire
Forest Green Rovers
Invivo Clinical

EDUCATION

Primary schools
Secondary schools
Specialist Schools
Universities

ENTERPRISE AND TOURISM

Grace Network
GEM
Local businesses
Gloucestershire Community Rail Partnership



**Opportunity
& choice for
all**



Volunteering

Canal Restoration – Wildlife & Habitats – Archives – Boat Handling – Bookshop & Office Based Roles

Saturday 26 March - Volunteering Open Day, Subscription Rooms

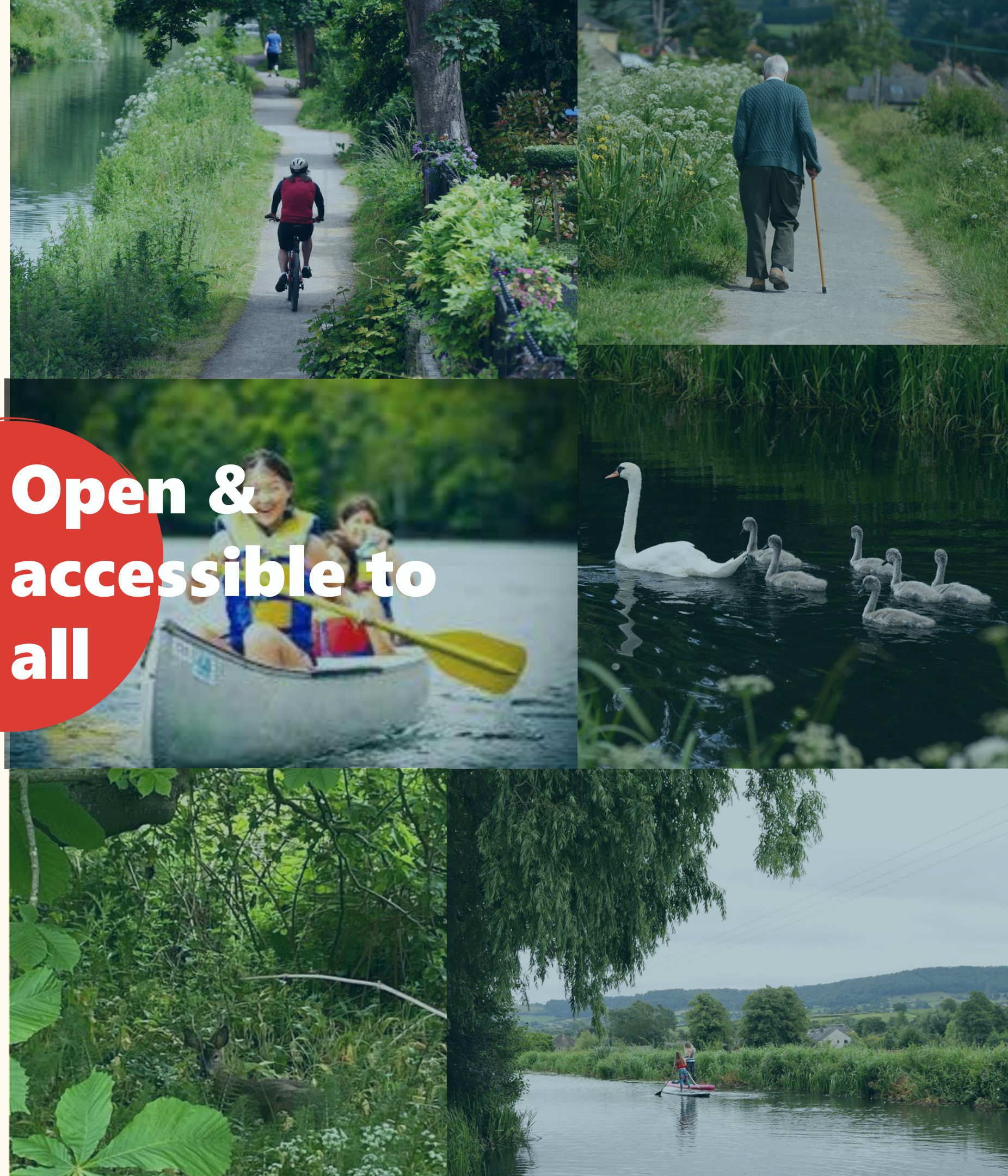
**Opportunity
& choice for
all**



Events

**Events Programme will
be published across
website, social media &
display boards along the
canal**

**Open &
accessible to
all**



Health & Wellbeing

Recruiting the Team

— We Are Hiring —

 **Community Engagement Advisor**

 **Executive Assistant**

 **Volunteer Development Coordinator**

 **Events Coordinator**

Advertised on the SDC website, Indeed & LinkedIn 

1 Drivers of Future Change

CLUSTERING: Community:

- + barriers created by roads are broken down with a new focus on connectivity and activity on and around the water
- + community buildings and facilities are promoted with an emphasis on active frontages to create vibrant public spaces

CLUSTERING: Public Realm:

- + existing public space is enhanced with highway space reclaimed where possible
- + public realm is re-imagined to have an improved connection and relationship with the canal and towpath

CLUSTERING: Diversify:

- + active ground floors help to bring life to the public realm and create an active frontage to the canal
- + more diverse buildings create interest and help to accommodate different uses and lifestyles

2 Canal Strategy Areas

CONTINUITY: People:

- + continuity along the canal is promoted through a series of different activities and functions along the canal
- + routes along the canal become more diverse and engaging drawing local residents and visitors further along the waterway

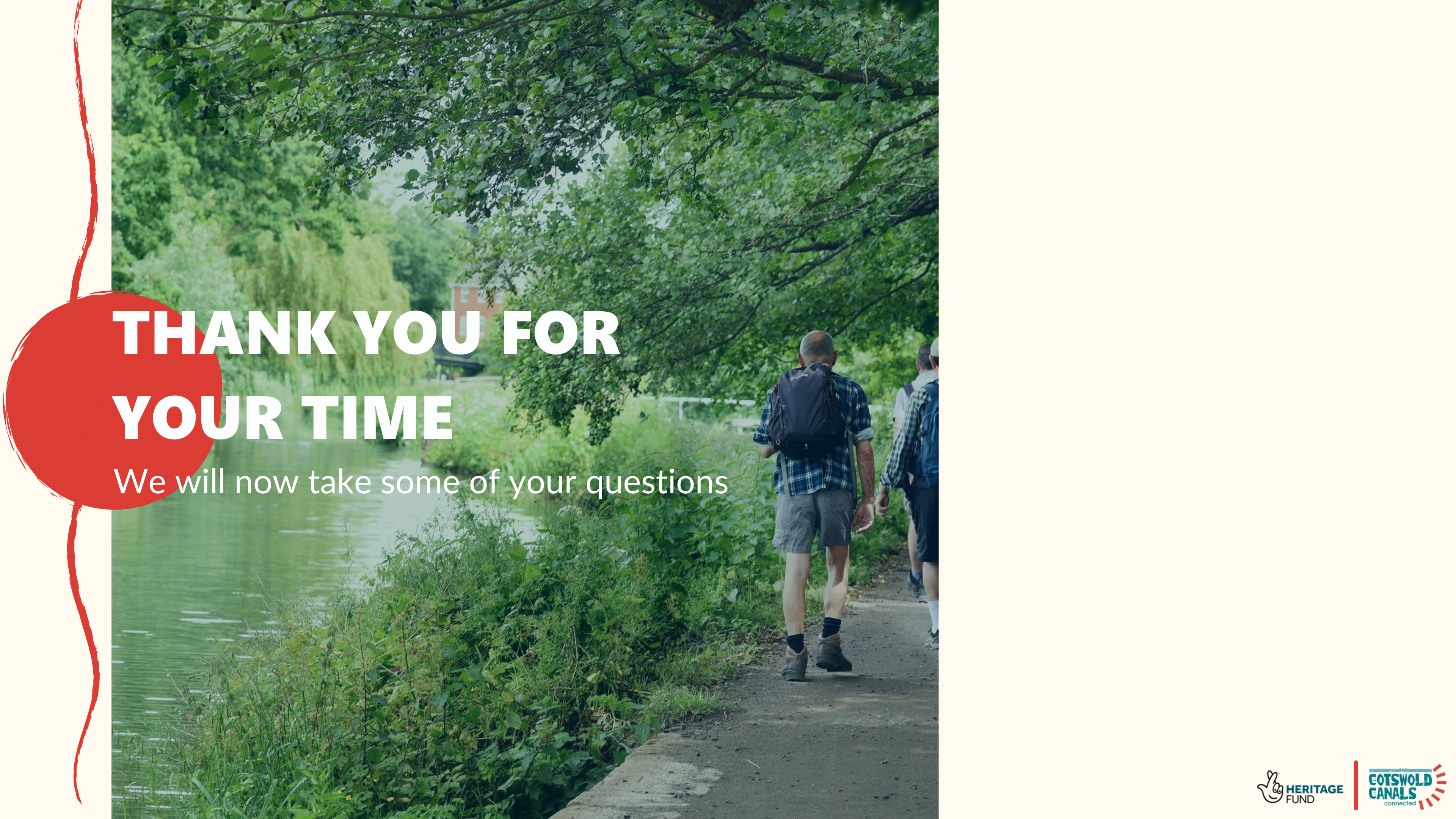
CROSSINGS: District wide:

- + routes, landmarking and wayfinding are improved including the use of green infrastructure to improve legibility
- + bridges across the canal are enhanced to prioritise active travel and reduce the dominance of roads and cars

3 Ingredients of the Future Place

Stroud District Council Canal Strategy

www.stroud.gov.uk/canalstrategy



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

We will now take some of your questions