

SLOUGH CANAL – ACTIONS/UPDATES

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES	OWNER/PARTNERS	OUTCOMES/ACTIONS
Physical improvements	<p>Make official LAF recommendation to the Council that it responds to CRT's email about possible enhancements at the Canal Basin interface with Stoke Road –</p> <p>Make suggestions as to changes to the interface. The service entrance for the tiling co. to be shifted north creating a separate entrance allowing safer public access to the basin and towpaths.</p>	<p>LAF</p> <p>LAF</p>	<p>Meeting held in June 14 at basin with SBC officers and CRT designer and strategic lead to discuss enhancements to basin and interface. Design provided informally and they are currently working with Morgan Sindell and SBC through the Slough Regenerations Partnership to develop a master plan for redevelopment of the basin area over the long term.</p> <p>Suggestions made via the Slough LAF and via the meeting in June have been incorporated into the design. However, after a site visit with TH and JW there are further comments that need to be highlighted about the design.</p> <p>Meeting in Jan 2015 with CRT and Council officers to look at the interface proposals plan again. Result: a planning application for the Basin area is due to be submitted this summer. Our contacts at CRT are keen to ensure that the accessibility and alterations to the interface with the highway are incorporated in the planning process either by a planning brief which the Council would need to produce or by pushing for inclusion of all the improvements in the actual planning application.</p> <p>Resolve that: The LAF makes official representations to the Planning application when received.</p>

Removal of the wooden jetty at Basin.	CRT	Jetty has been removed.
Widen the narrow towpath on the north side of canal from Basin to housing open space behind Kendal Close flats. Ask CRT to move fence line back and lay new surface.	CRT	Include in representations to the SRP
Clear overgrowth and create new path along north side of the canal bank alongside housing open space behind Kendal Close flats. Ask CRT to dedicate path.	CRT, SBC	LAF to contact Housing to ask for the fencing to be re-arranged behind Kendal Close as discussed on site Jacqui Wheeler and Peter Bird Area Housing Officer.
Remove concrete wall and replace with post and rail fencing to open the area and provide view across the canal. Install public seating. Ask Housing SBC and CRT about replacing wall.	JW/LAF	
Install new directional signage at the basin and along the canal.	SBC	Done
Improve access from Canal to Bowyer Playing Fields and Bloom Park in conjunction with SBC Parks Department.	LAF/JW/SBC Parks	Make LAF representations to SBC Parks Dept.
Improve access from Nursery Lane to Footpath 46 alongside Rochford Gardens by installing sleeper steps	JW	Done
Continue repairs to surface? Or petition Council for sealed surface as CRT aspiration	JW	
Push CRT for confirmation of dates for dredging in 14/15 – send email to Jon Guest CRT	JW	Dredging completed all the way to the Basin
Ask CRT when the accessibility audit they are working on for the Slough Arm will be ready.	JW	Email Rosie Tharp CRT

	Share this Space signage	CRT	Email Rosie Tharp CRT
Publicity/promotion	<p>Send CRT literature/consultation to all council members lobbying for their support in making improvements to the canal on behalf of the LAF.</p> <p>LAF make response to CRT about their consultation including all the improvements sought - see other responses on Huddle.</p> <p>Send CRT consultation doc to CIC CVP Stewart Pomeroy. Ask if they have been consulted and if they would respond as Canal is within the CVP</p> <p>Produce flyer/leaflet for the Canal festival in Sept 14 to highlight the improvements already made along the canal and those desired. Include; surface repairs, signage, potential for leisure activities, campaigning for CRT to make improvements etc.</p>	LAF	Before and After photos provided to Friends of Slough Canal Chris Lloyd however, he already had panels showing all improvements.
Gaining partners/support	<p>Ask Bucks CC and South Bucks District Council about coming back into the partnership on the canal. (email/letter to appropriate officers and copied to the Bucks LAF)</p> <p>Send letter to CIC CVP chairman explaining that the whole arm of the canal is within CVP and urging CIC CVP to re-enter partnership. Copy to SBC</p> <p>Contact Natural England to ask for advice and support in having the Slough Arm recognised as part of the CVP Regional Park</p>	JW	<p>JW to draft a suitable letter from the LAF</p> <p>Stewart Pomeroy has investigated inclusion of entire Slough Arm in CVP but cannot find any record of it.</p>

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