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Restoring canal is a backward step

WITH reference to the new Swindon regeneration plan, I now know that a feasibility study is being done right now on re-opening the canal in Swindon town.

The borough council seems to be in favour of this. They say it has a wow factor!

I am not in favour of a canal.

I see a multitude of adverse consequences. Obstruction in many places, more traffic problems without a doubt, as well as for pedestrians.

It is a major project, taking very many years and at a vast cost.

I see little benefit to anyone other than a minority who have time to stand and stare.

I see it as a backward step in time.

It will not affect me personally but I think it is vital that the people of Swindon and local area should have the chance to vote on whether they are in favour or not of a canal running from the Front Garden to Kingshill, Westcott Place, Faringdon Road and Fleet Street then

turning north under the railway to Cricklade.

The money could be used to much better and useful advantage.

I hope your paper will print what may happen, as very few citizens will know of such a plan and that is wrong.

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