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GOOD grief – just when I thought I wouldn't correspond any more about the proposed canal, two more contributors to this page, send in outrageous letters in support of this venture.

One, a few weeks ago, said we must respect our betters who support the scheme – well excuse me – Camilla Parker Bowles, Duchess of Cornwall, and Lord 'someone or other' whose name I don't remember, are not considered by me to be my betters – call me arrogant if you like, but how does their support exactly justify the scheme?

Then we have someone else saying it will give us back our self respect – and calling opposers small-minded. Well excuse me again, but he appears to have completely dismissed all the valid reasons against this venture, and all the other wonderful things proposed in preference to a canal, by others living in Swindon, whether born here or not.

Self respect I have all ready – I don't need a canal to give it to me, but certain members of society have no self respect for their surroundings or other people no matter what you offer them, I don't believe a canal will



CONTROVERSIAL The canal at Rushy Platt

change them.

I also refute that the main reason people don't want a canal is possible abuse of it by rubbish dumping. My understanding is that the majority of people realise the disruption that will be caused by building it along the proposed route, will be totally unacceptable, and that they would prefer other things for Swindon.

When will these people also realise that the wonderful

revamped shopping centres that surround some of the places who happen to have a canal is the attraction not the waterway itself. So please stop quoting Reading and so on..... as reasons to have it.

The most sensible idea I have seen thus far from supporters, is the suggestion to route it around Swindon, not through the centre.

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