

## **Bathwick Hill Residents' Association**

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Mike Youe, MA, CMLI Enterprise Manager, Wales & South West Canal & River Trust, Llanthony Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester GL1 2EH

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Dear Mike,

## Project Locks Flight - Upgrade of the towpath from Bathwick Hill to Widcombe

We have been made aware that you are preparing an application to BANES council for CIL funding to upgrade the towpath to include construction of a high-quality surface with suitable crossfalls and a spray chip finish, hedgerow enhancement and the creation of a wildflower meadow to the north of the site.

I write to give the strong support of Bathwick Hill Residents Association to this long overdue project. The canal path is a well-used route for our residents for walking into town and to the station. It has been a key BANES message for several years to encourage less use of cars and more walking and cycling but the state of the canal path, particularly in the wet months, is such that this traffic free route is not viable.

This must be a relatively modest project with major benefits for the community and we wish to lend our support to your application for funding for the upgrade..

On behalf of Bathwick Hill Residents Association,

Claire Jackson - Chair