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Bodicote House  
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Your Ref 22/03763/SCOP

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2022-37889

Wednesday 28 December 2022

Dear Mr Thompson

**Proposal: Scoping Opinion with respect to the scope and methodology of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in relation to re-development proposals of approximately 170 hectares (Ha) land at the existing Begbroke Science Park and surrounding land. The findings of the EIA will be reported in an Environmental Statement (ES) which will accompany the planning application**

**Location: Land relating to PR8, Begbroke, Kidlington**

**Waterway: Oxford Canal**

Thank you for your consultation.

We are the charity who look after and bring to life 2000 miles of canals & rivers. Our waterways contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities and economies, creating attractive and connected places to live, work, volunteer and spend leisure time. These historic, natural and cultural assets form part of the strategic and local green-blue infrastructure network, linking urban and rural communities as well as habitats. By caring for our waterways and promoting their use we believe we can improve the wellbeing of our nation. The Trust is a statutory consultee in the Development Management process.

Based on the information available our substantive response (as required by the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)) is the following general advice:

The applicant is asked to consider the need for the canal corridor, users of the canal towpath and occupants of moored boats to be included as a sensitive receptor for pollution including, noise, light, air quality/dust and ground and overland flows during the construction phase.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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