



Monday 11 September 2017

Mr Matthew Parry
Cherwell District Council
Bodicote House
Bodicote
Banbury
Oxfordshire
OX15 4AA

Our Ref CRTR-PLAN-2017-23116
Your Ref 14/01833/REM

Dear Mr Parry,

Proposal: Amended landscaping proposals for the community park and revised details of sport and play facilities - Reserved Matters to 05/01337/OUT - Details of the proposed community park adjacent to Bankside, including play, recreation, education and biodiversity features, a footpath and cycle network and other public amenities.

Location: Land North East of, Oxford Road, Banbury

Waterway: Oxford Canal

Thank you for your consultation.

The Canal & River Trust (the Trust) is the guardian of 2,000 miles of historic waterways across England and Wales. We are among the largest charities in the UK. Our vision is that “living waterways transform places and enrich lives”. We are a statutory consultee in the development management process.

The Trust has reviewed the application. This is our substantive response under the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. Based upon the information available we have the following general advice to offer:

The detailed landscape planting scheme, appears to include appropriate species though the amended plans indicate a large number of trees proposed to be planted along the offside of the canal. To ensure there is no impact on the structural integrity of the waterway all new trees should be planted at least 10m from the canal edge. The plans should be **amended accordingly prior to determination** to reflect this.

The set back of trees will also reduce shading to the canal corridor. In order to enhance biodiversity there appears to be opportunities to incorporate coir roll or marginal vegetation planting. The plans currently do not indicate any and though wet grassland species are proposed near the canal this does not include usual coir roll planted species.

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The details of any lighting will need to be considered. The Trust would advise that waterside lighting affects how the waterway corridor is perceived, particularly when viewed from the water, the towpath and neighbouring land, for example waterside lighting can lead to unnecessary glare and light pollution if it is not carefully designed. Any lighting should be carefully designed and should not provide flood lighting to the canal corridor to show consideration for bats and other nocturnal species.

If you have any queries please contact me, my details are below.

Yours sincerely

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