**From:** Tim
**Sent:** 29 June 2018 11:51
**To:** Planning
**Subject:** Glebe Farm - formation of an inland waterways marina - objection

Dear Sir,

We write to request you to  record our objection to the above proposal on the following grounds:

1. It is detrimental to the setting, character and appearance of the canal conservation area. The site is one of the few truly remote and  rural parts of the South Oxford Canal, land close to which will shortly be ‘urbanised’ by HS2 – which makes it even more important that it is kept rural.
2. It does not constitute sustainable development. The site is in open countryside and  not adjacent to any village or town. It  is not serviced by public transport, and the use of the marina would require access by privately owned cars on roads totally unsuited to increased traffic.
3. There is no economic benefit from the development.  There is already a considerable surplus of marina berths within a 15 mile radius. In particular recently built marinas  remain unfilled, and more importantly unfinished in terms of landscape and ancillary facilities not supplied, which were conditions for planning approval. There are not the funds to complete these marinas.  The filling of this proposed  marina would only be achieved by attracting boats from existing marinas by a severe undercutting in terms of price – to the long term detriment of all.  The lack of demand is shown by the proposed extension to Cropredy Marina, permission for which was given some two years ago, and to date no works have been carried out, and there are no indications that the extension will ever be built.

The above grounds for objection are supported by two refused appeal decisions - at Barby on the North Oxford and Slapton on the Southern Grand Union – for proposed marina planning  applications. These  failed on similar grounds. We were involved in objecting to both applications. Copies of the appeal decisions are attached.

Yours faithfully,

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF BRAUNSTON MARINA LIMITED,

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