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Dolemeads Residents Association

Mr Mike Youe,  
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Dear Mr. Youe

This letter is written by the Dolemeads Residents Association in support of the application for CIL funding for improvements to the canal towpath alongside the Kennet and Avon Canal from Widcombe to Bathwick Hill. The application is being made by the Canal and Rivers Trust. The application relates the section of the canal from Widcombe (St Matthews Place) to Bathwick Hill.

Dolemeads Residents Associations represent residents from the Dolemeads area which is very close to this proposal for development. We support this initiative as many of us use this part of the towpath on a regular basis.

This section of the canal is heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists as it is the entry section to the canal from the centre of the city. It is easily accessible on foot from the bus and railway stations. It is a recognised route from the City Centre to the Holburne Museum and Art Gallery in Bathwick. The canal towpath is one of the principal leisure routes through Bath, and takes people from the very centre of the city to open countryside. It is designated both as a cycle track and as a footpath, and the section from Widcombe to Bathwick Hill must be one the most heavily used along the whole of the canal's length. However, this section of the canal towpath is in very poor condition. It is uneven and numerous puddles form following rainfall, especially on the section that runs behind Caroline Buildings, and also higher up opposite Sydney Buildings. For an asset that is promoted to tourists and is well used by local people, its condition is a very poor advertisement for Bath.

In summary, the Dolemeads Residents Association fully supports the application for CIL funding to carry out the improvements to the canal towpath between The Dolemeads and Bathwick Hill. The project is one that would be of great benefit not just to local people but to the City as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Dolemeads Residents Association**

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