



## Sydney Buildings Householders' Association

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### **Re-surfacing the Canal Tow Path [Bath Lock Flight]**

This letter is in support of the Canal and River Trust's application to Bath and North East Somerset for CIL funding to repair the towpath between Bathwick Hill and Widcombe.

SHBA is the community group in Sydney Buildings and the committee is elected by residents in Sydney Buildings. We are a group active in caring for our environment – we regularly litter pick, we clear public footpaths, including the canal, we care for Smallcombe Cemetery, we litter pick on Bathwick Fields, we clear drains.

The canal is our access to town, to schools, for leisure. We love the towpath. But it is dangerous in the winter, when the condition of the towpath is so bad that folk are tempted to walk along the coping stones at the edge of the canal. That could easily lead to tragedy. The community in Sydney Buildings is of mixed age, we have elderly residents, and young families. The canal is a hazard in winter.

B&NES is committed to localised public realm improvements to improve the environment and journey quality for pedestrians (Journey to Net Zero) and this project is an important contribution to this objective.

We strongly back the initiative to restore this section of the tow-path. It is long overdue.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, SBHA

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