

## **Melksham Link**

**Proposed development of a new waterway and towpath for the Wilts and Berks Canal between the Kennet & Avon Canal and River Avon in Melksham, and associated footpath, cycleway, bridges and new access roads to Berryfield**

**Wiltshire Council Planning application ref. W/12/01080/FUL**

## **Environmental Statement**

**A Report on behalf of Wilts & Berks Canal Trust**

**February 2016**



## PREFACE

This is the Environmental Statement (ES) for the Melksham Link canal development project. It has been prepared on behalf of the applicants, Wilts and Berks Canal Trust (WBCT).

The ES is submitted to accompany the extant full planning application submitted to Wiltshire Council (WC) for the following development at the site (reference W12/01080/FUL):

**'Proposed development of a new waterway and towpath for the Wilts and Berks Canal between the Kennet & Avon Canal and River Avon, and associated footpath, cycleway, 10 x bridges along with new access roads to Berryfield'**

The ES is required under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 under Schedule 2.10h (as an inland waterway construction project). This ES replaces the previous 'Environmental Statement' submitted with the planning application.

The ES describes the development proposals, the environmental conditions at the development site corridor and surrounding areas and the alternatives considered. It identifies and assesses the significant environmental effects, and describes the measures envisaged to avoid, reduce and remedy such effects.

The ES comprises:

- Volume 1: Main Text
- Volume 2: Figures
- Volume 3: Appendices
- Non-Technical Summary brochure

This ES will be available to the public for viewing at Wiltshire Council's offices, and available to download at the Council's planning application webpage <http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx> using the reference W12/01080/FUL.

Copies of the ES (in paper or compact disc format) can be purchased on request to the address below, and a reasonable charge will be made to cover the costs of reproduction:

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The ES will be available on the internet, including at  
<http://www.wiltsandberks canal.org.uk/projects/melksham-link>

The Non Technical Summary of the ES is also available separately free of charge on request.

Anyone wishing to make comments or representations about the Environmental Statement should submit these in writing (noting ref. W/12/01080/FUL) to:

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or by e-mail to [developmentmanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:developmentmanagement@wiltshire.gov.uk).

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