

Have your say on our Ashby Canal Transfer Consultation

Your views are important so that we can better understand the current level of community support for the proposal to transfer part of the route of the Ashby Canal to the Ashby Canal Association (ACA) and receive suggestions on any alternative ways the council could pursue the restoration of the Canal.

We previously carried out a consultation in June 2019 and now that we are getting ready to transfer part of the Ashby Canal to the ACA, we would like to hear your views and are particularly interested in those of the individuals, households and businesses that are new to the area.

Background Information

Leicestershire County Council has led on the restoration of the Ashby Canal since 1994, including the purchase of land for that purpose, under a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO). The Council remains committed to restoration of the canal but is unable to progress as quickly as stakeholders would like, owing to lack of resources.

The next section of canal identified for potential restoration is between Snarestone and Measham. The route is highlighted in red on the map which can be found on the consultation webpage here: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/ashby-canal-consultation

The Council are considering transferring the ownership and the obligations and responsibilities under the TWAO in seeking to restore this section to the Ashby Canal Association. The use of this land would be restricted to the building of a canal and the Council would retain the ownership of the other sections of canal.

The Ashby Canal Association (ACA) is a registered charity (No 1063566) dedicated to the promotion and restoration of the Ashby Canal. Established in 1966, they are a corporate member of Inland waterways Association with over 550 members, and have completed a £10,000 Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project to explore and engage local people with the archaeology of Ilott Wharf and have raised over £100,000 in donations to restore the Gilwiskaw Aqueduct.

You can see further details regarding the Ashby Canal Association on <http://www.ashbycanal.org.uk>

We would now like to know your views on the proposal to transfer the section of proposed canal from Snarestone and Measham to the Ashby Canal Association by completing this survey by **26th March 2023**.

Please note that due to unforeseen survey server issues we have extended the completion date to allow everyone to have their say.

For general enquires or comments about this consultation phone 01163057005 or email waste.prevention@leics.gov.uk

Thank you for your assistance. Your views are important to us.

Please note: Your responses to the main part of the survey (including your comments) may be released to the general public in full under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any responses to the questions in the 'About you' section of the questionnaire will be held securely and will not be subject to release under Freedom of Information legislation, nor passed on to any third party.

Q1 In what role are you responding to this consultation? Please select one option only.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterways user/ Canal enthusiast | Skip to Q3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ashby Canal Association (ACA) member | Skip to Q3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident of Leicestershire | Skip to Q3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interested member of the public | Skip to Q3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative or owner of a local business | Continue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a community group (e.g. parish council) | Continue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a school or other educational establishment | Continue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Representative of a statutory body | Continue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County councillor | Skip to Q3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District councillor | Skip to Q3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish/town councillor | Skip to Q3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | Skip to Q3 |

If 'other', please specify:

Q2 If you indicated that you represent a local business, community group, school/other educational establishment or statutory body, please provide your details (optional).

Name:

Organisation:

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Q3 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
Please select one option only.

Leicestershire County Council should apply to Government to transfer to the Ashby Canal Association the land and powers, acquired under the Transport and Works Act, to restore the Ashby Canal from Snarestone to Measham.

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| Strongly agree | Tend to agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Tend to disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Why do you say this?

Q4 Do you have any alternative suggestions you believe the county council should pursue to deliver the restoration of the Ashby Canal from Snarestone to Measham?
Please select one option only.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If you said yes, what would you suggest?

Q5 Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

Please continue if you said in Q1 that you are responding as a 'Waterways user/ Canal enthusiast', 'Ashby Canal Association (ACA) member', 'Resident of Leicestershire' or 'Interested member of the public'.

Otherwise, please skip to the instructions at the end of the questionnaire.

About you

Leicestershire County Council is committed to ensuring that its services, policies, and practices are free from discrimination and prejudice, address the needs of all sections of the community and promote and advance equality of opportunity.

Many people face discrimination in society because of their personal circumstances and for this reason we have decided to ask these monitoring questions.

We would therefore be grateful if you would answer the following questions. You are under no obligation to provide the information requested, but it would help us greatly if you did.

Q6 What is your gender? Please select one option only.

- Male
- Female
- I use another term

Q7 Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth? Please select one option only.

- Yes
- No

Q8 What was your age on your last birthday? (Please enter your age in numbers not words)

Q9 What is your full postcode?

This will allow us to see the areas where respondents are answering from. It will not identify your house.

Q10 Do you have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? Please select one option only.

- Yes
- No

Q11 What is your ethnic group? Please select one option only.

- White
- Mixed
- Asian or Asian British
- Black or Black British
- Other ethnic group

Q12 Are you an employee of Leicestershire County Council? Please select one option only.

- Yes
- No

Q13 What is your sexual orientation? Please select one option only.

- Bi
- Gay or Lesbian
- Straight/ Heterosexual
- I use another term

Thank you for your assistance. Your views are important to us.

Please return your completed survey to:

Ashby Canal Consultation
Business Support
Environment and Transport
Room 700
Leicestershire County Council
Have Your Say
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Leicester
LE3 8XR

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