

REPORT ON: CROSS BOUNDARY ROUTES AND ROUTES SURROUNDING CANAL AND LEADING TO AREAS OF COUNTRYSIDE.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To help inform members about cross boundary issues involving the canal and identify which routes are desirable to pursue improvements to.

2. ROUTES SURROUNDING CANAL

- a) Open up new towpath on north side of canal between Basin and Wexham Road and between Wexham Road and Uxbridge Road. This would allow a circular route around the canal improving its attractiveness to users

Opportunity: Liaise with The Friends of Slough Canal and Slough Canal Working Group on how this can be achieved. Recommend to British Waterways that their future plans include a route of this nature.

- b) Promote a circular route incorporating FP46 north towpath by Rochford Gdns into Nursery Lane, joining Middlegreen Road and re joining the canal towpath at the Middlegreen Rd entrance by Bloom Park to walk along the south towpath to regain Uxbridge Road.

Possible Action: Liaise with the Friends of Slough Canal, Bucks County Council or South Bucks District Council on what would be required to achieve a route as described.

- c) On Bucks website it looks like Nursery Lane has public footpath status and links to another public footpath leading north to George Green. An off road link to George Green could be desirable and links to Bucks RoW network by Langley Park via George Green Road.

Opportunity: Improved links from Slough residential to surrounding settlements via off road routes and to attractive countryside. This route would also link to a cycle lane along Uxbridge Road if one was implemented.

- d) Opportunity to promote route already existing on the ground using Footpath 47a (currently promoted as part of NCN 61) from Minster Way linking to the canal towpath and crossing canal to link to a public footpath in Bucks that leads to Langley Park, Country Park (Off road). It also links to a bridleway and NCN route no.61 leading to Iver.

Possible Action: Liaise with Friends of Slough Canal, British Waterways and Sustrans. Assess possible requirements for promoting this route, including signage, upgrade footpath to bridleway to legalise cycling, improved surfacing and then how to promote.