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# Slough Local Access Forum

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Ref: Canal basin regeneration

Dear Mike,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Slough Local Access Forum (SLAF) about the Slough Canal Basin Regeneration Scheme. The SLAF is a statutory group set up under The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to advise local authorities and other bodies on local access issues. The Forum operates autonomously, though is supported by Slough Borough Council.

The SLAF is very aware of the significance of Slough Arm of the canal as an attractive natural habitat and well used access link for walking and cycling journeys. Consequently, the SLAF is concerned that this local resource is managed to the benefit of all the residents of and visitors to Slough.

Having established relationships with the Friends of Slough Canal and British Waterways, Forum members understand that a feasibility study is currently being undertaken jointly by Slough Borough Council and British Waterways to assess improvements to the Basin end of the canal.

These improvements will include moving the existing building merchants businesses and complete redevelopment of the land surrounding the Basin to enhance the local area and amongst other things provide improved public access.

The SLAF would like to declare its support for the regeneration of the canal Basin with public access and protection of the natural habitat as the focus. Once the feasibility study is complete the SLAF would like to invite you to attend a meeting to present the scheme to members.

Yours sincerely,

**Laurie Tucker**  
**Chair 2009, Slough Local Access Forum**

Cc. Ruth Bagley Chief Executive,  
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