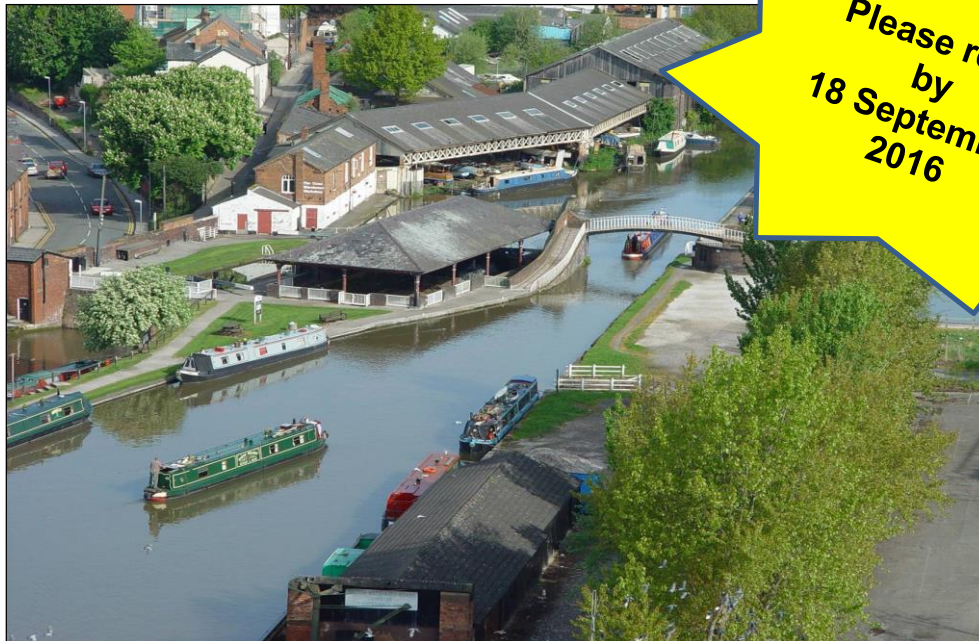


# The Proposed Chester Canal Conservation Area Questionnaire



Please reply  
by  
18 September  
2016

Canal basin in Chester with Taylor's Boatyard in the distance (part of the Chester Canal)

## Background to consultation

This consultation is about whether to designate the Chester Canal as a Conservation Area. The map on page three gives an overview of the proposed area which is a linear 28 mile canal corridor. It abuts the Ellesmere Port Docks conservation area in Cheshire West and ends at the Birmingham and Liverpool Junction Canal - Nantwich Junction Bridge (92) in Cheshire East.

Its special character is derived from its historic origins and character today. The canal was constructed when the Chester Canal Act was passed in 1772. It is unique for being one of the earliest broad beam canals. It was built to provide a link from the port of Chester to the salt towns of Cheshire. The canal and towpath, and most associated canal structures is largely in the ownership of Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT). However, some properties in the proposed area are in private ownership, as are some businesses.

## What we are consulting on

A character appraisal and gazetteer has been produced to provide information on what contributes to the special architectural and historic qualities of the canal. It identifies existing and future needs in terms of positive management. The appraisal has been written by the Chester Canal Heritage Trust and overseen by a steering group including conservation representatives from Cheshire West and Chester Council, Cheshire East and the Canal and Rivers Trust. Copies of these documents are available online or can be requested through the contact details below.



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and Chester

### **How your views will be used**

Cheshire West and Chester Council is conducting the consultation on behalf of the steering group. The consultation will take into account views of all stakeholders with an interest in the canal, including those for recreational, residential and business use. The results will be duly considered and a decision will then be made as to whether to designate this section of the canal as a conservation area.

### **How to share your views**

The 12 week consultation period closes on **18 September 2016**. There are a range of ways to express your views:

- Complete this survey
- Email: [conservation2@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:conservation2@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)
- Telephone: 01244 972829
- Write to: Total Environment, Cheshire West and Chester Council, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

### **Helpful hints for completing this questionnaire**

- **Please read the information on the front page before answering the questions**
- Please use a black or blue pen
- Please read the questions carefully as sometimes you are asked to cross (X) one box and sometimes you can choose more than one
- Some questions ask you to write your comments in a box
- Answer the next question unless asked otherwise
- If there are any questions that you do not wish to answer, please feel free to leave them blank

Completing the questionnaire is voluntary and all the information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. No information will be released that could identify an individual or organisation.

**If you are aged under 16 you will need the permission of a parent or guardian to take part. They will need to sign the questionnaire in Q12.**

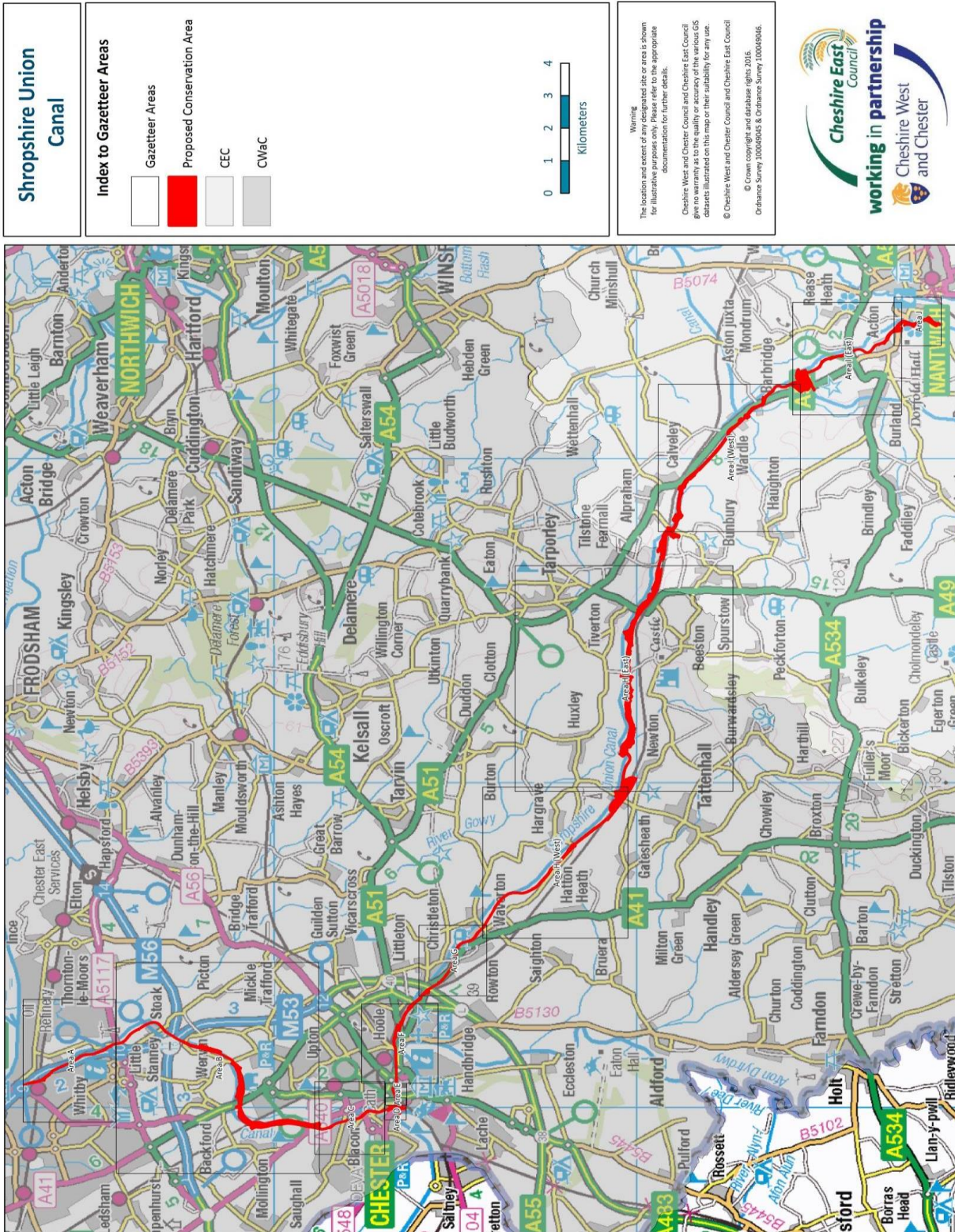
### **Accessing Cheshire West and Chester Council information and services**

Council information is also available in audio, Braille, large print or other formats. If you would like a copy in a different format, in another language or require a BSL interpreter, please:

Email: [equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Tel: 0300 123 8 123

The map below gives an overview of the proposed Chester Canal Conservation Area. More detailed maps are available online or can be requested using the contact details on the previous page.



## Section 1: Use of the Chester Canal

**Q 1** How often do you visit the Chester Canal section of the Shropshire Union Canal, the area shown on the map on the previous page?

Please cross (X) one box only

- |                            |                                     |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | I live within the conservation area | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | About twice a year            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Almost every day                    | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | Less often                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | At least once a week                | <input type="checkbox"/> 7 | I have never visited the area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | About once a month                  |                            |                               |

**Q 2** What do you generally use the Chester Canal area for?

Please cross (X) all that apply

- |                            |                                   |                             |                              |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Residential use - I live there    | <input type="checkbox"/> 6  | Fishing                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | I work in or own a business there | <input type="checkbox"/> 7  | Boating                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Walking / dog walking             | <input type="checkbox"/> 8  | Use as a visitor             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | Cycling                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 9  | Attend events                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | Running                           | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 | Other - please specify below |

**Q 3** How important or unimportant is the Chester Canal area to you?

Please cross (X) one box only

- | Very important             | Quite important            | Neither important nor unimportant | Quite unimportant          | Very unimportant           | Don't know                 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3        | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

Please say why

## Section 2: Proposed Chester Canal Conservation Area

The legislation to designate conservation areas stipulates that "When considering the designation of conservation areas, local planning authorities should ensure that an area justifies such status because of its special architectural or historic interest ". There are several canal conservation areas in the country and a conservation area appraisal and management plan has been written for the proposed Chester Canal conservation area. Its special character is derived from its historic origins and character today.

The canal and towpath, and most associated structures, many of which are listed and within existing conservation areas, is largely in the ownership of the Canal and Rivers Trust.

### Controls

Designating a conservation area also brings under council control:

- a) control over demolition of unlisted buildings;
- b) control over works to trees;
- c) fewer types of advertisements which can be displayed with deemed consent
- d) restriction on the types of development which can be carried out without the need for planning permission (permitted development rights).

### Q 4 Do you agree or disagree with the proposed boundary for the Chester Canal Conservation Area, as shown on the map?

Please cross (X) one box only

1

Agree

2

Disagree

3

Don't Know

Please say why

### Q 5 Are the controls about conservation areas, listed above, likely to affect you in any way? Please cross (X) one box only

1

Yes

2

No

3

Don't Know

If Yes, please say why

**Q 6** On pages 72 to 74 of the Chester Canal Conservation Area Character Appraisal are the 'recommendations' for the whole length of the canal. Do you agree or disagree with these recommendations? Please cross (X) one box only

<sub>1</sub> Agree      <sub>2</sub> Disagree      <sub>3</sub> Don't Know

If you disagree, please say why

**Q 7a** On pages 12 to 68 of the Chester Canal Conservation Area Character Appraisal are the 'recommendations' for each Character Area. Do you agree or disagree with these recommendations? Please cross (X) one box on each row

Character Area	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
<b>A: Industrial Ellesmere Port</b> - Ellesmere Port, M53 bridge (146A) to New Stanney Bridge (140A) - page 12	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>B: Rural Chester, North</b> - New Stanney Bridge (140A) to Mollington Bridge (130) - page 17	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>C: Suburban Chester, North</b> - Mollington Bridge (130) to Cambrian Road Bridge (126E) - page 22	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>D: Chester Basins and the Dee Branch</b> - Cambrian Road Bridge (126E) to the railway bridges (123K) - page 28	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>E: Northgate Cutting and Locks</b> – Northgate Locks to Cow Lane Bridge (123E) - page 34	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>F: Industrial Chester</b> - Cow Lane Bridge (123E) to A55 Bridge (122A) - page 41	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>G: Suburban Chester, South East</b> - A55 Bridge (122A) to Waverton (Davies Bridge, 118) - page 48	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>H: Rural CWaC</b> - Waverton (Davies Bridge, 118) to the spillweir above Tilstone Lock (Bridge 106) - page 53	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>

**Q 7a** On pages 12 to 68 of the Chester Canal Conservation Area Character Appraisal are the 'recommendations' for each Character Area. Do you agree or disagree with these recommendations? Please cross (X) one box on each row  
**cont...**

Character Area	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know
<b>I: Rural Cheshire East</b> – Spillweir above Tilstone Lock (Bridge 106) to Basin End, Nantwich - page 60	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>
<b>J: Birmingham and Liverpool Junction Canal</b> - Nantwich Junction Bridge (92) including Nantwich Aqueduct to Marsh Lane Bridge (91) - page 67	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>

If you disagree with any, please note the reference letter and say why e.g. if it is because it directly affects you, please say how

**Q 7b** Are there any Character Areas that you want to add or remove? Please say where it is and why

### Section 3: About You

The answers you give in this next section will only be used to see where views differ. Please feel free to leave blank any questions that you do not wish to answer, we will still use the comments you have given us so far. No information will be released that would allow identification of you as an individual or of your household.

**Q 8 Which of the following best describes you? Please cross (X) all that apply**

- <sub>1</sub> I live in the proposed Chester Canal conservation area
- <sub>2</sub> I work in or have a business in the proposed conservation area
- <sub>3</sub> I live in Cheshire West and Chester (CWaC) borough
- <sub>4</sub> I live in Cheshire East (CE) borough
- <sub>5</sub> I am a visitor to the proposed Chester Canal conservation area
- <sub>6</sub> I am an elected Member of CWaC or CE
- <sub>7</sub> I am a member of a voluntary or community organisation
- <sub>8</sub> Other (please specify)

**Q 9 If you are responding on behalf of a group, organisation, club or business, please state the name and postcode in the box below (you do not need to complete the rest of the 'About you' section).**

**Q 10 Please tell us your postcode:**

**Q 11 Are you.....? Please cross (X) one box only**

- <sub>1</sub> Male      <sub>2</sub> Female      <sub>3</sub> Prefer not to say

**Q 12 Which age group do you belong to? Please cross (X) one box only**

- <sub>0</sub> Under 16      Signature of parent/guardian
- <sub>1</sub> 16 to 24      <sub>2</sub> 25 to 34
- <sub>3</sub> 35 to 44      <sub>4</sub> 45 to 54
- <sub>5</sub> 55 to 64      <sub>6</sub> 65 to 74
- <sub>7</sub> 75 and over      <sub>8</sub> Prefer not to say

**Q 13a Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? This includes problems related to old age. Please cross (X) one box only**

- <sub>1</sub> Yes      <sub>2</sub> No      <sub>3</sub> Prefer not to say



**Q 13b** If you answered yes to the previous question, which of the following best describes your disability or illness? Please cross (X) all that apply

- <sub>1</sub> Physical impairment that causes mobility issues (e.g.wheelchair users)
- <sub>2</sub> Visual impairment <sub>3</sub> Hearing impairment
- <sub>4</sub> Learning disability or difficulty <sub>5</sub> Mental health issue
- <sub>6</sub> Long standing illness or health condition
- <sub>7</sub> Other (please specify in the box)

**Q 14** Which of the following terms best describes your ethnic origin?

Please cross (X) one box only

**White**

- English/Welsh/Scottish/  
Northern Irish/British <sub>1</sub>
- Irish <sub>5</sub>
- Any other White background <sub>6</sub>

**(X and write in below)**

**Asian or Asian British**

- Indian <sub>8</sub>
- Pakistani <sub>10</sub>
- Bangladeshi <sub>12</sub>
- Chinese <sub>14</sub>
- Any other Asian background <sub>16</sub>

**(X and write in below)**

**Other ethnic group**

- Arab <sub>17</sub>

Other ethnic group

- (X and write in below)** <sub>19</sub>

**Black or Black British**

- Caribbean <sub>2</sub>
- African <sub>4</sub>
- Any other Black background <sub>7</sub>

**(X and write in below)**

**Mixed**

- White & Black Caribbean <sub>9</sub>
- White & Black African <sub>11</sub>
- White & Asian <sub>13</sub>
- Any other Mixed background <sub>15</sub>

**(X and write in below)**

**Travelling Community**

- Gypsy/Roma <sub>18</sub>

Traveller of Irish descent <sub>20</sub>

- Other member of the Travelling Community <sub>21</sub>

**Thank you very much for taking part in this survey**

Please return this form by **18 September 2016** to:

Total Environment, Cheshire West and Chester Council, 4 Civic Way,  
Council Offices, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE.