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Dear Karen

As you may be aware there is a long-standing action at the last Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee relating to the financial contribution made by your authority towards the Canal.

I originally wrote to you in December 2015 (copy enclosed) and have followed up since then, but to date I do not have a record of a response.

The figure remains the same as December 2015 (£16,282), and I would be grateful for your thoughts on whether this shortfall can be met.

Happy to discuss informally the next time we meet.

Yours Sincerely,

Mike Goodman  
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Thursday 17 December 2015

Dear Karen

At the last Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee held on 29 October 2015, I was asked as Chairman of the Committee to write to you with regards to the financial contribution made by your respective authority towards the Basingstoke Canal.

As you are aware, partner contributions towards the Basingstoke Canal are based on a formula designated in the Memorandum of Agreement (February 2014). The Committee noted with regret that despite the significant amenity value of the Canal to local residents, Surrey Heath Borough Council was failing to make its full financial contribution.

Currently the shortfall in 2015/16 from Surrey Heath Borough Council amounts to £16,282. I hope you can provide me with an update on Surrey Heath's current financial position in respect of the canal and also let me know when the remainder of your financial contribution will be paid. The JMC has appreciated your support over the years and hopes to continue this positive relationship in future years. I have also asked the Leader of Surrey County Council to raise this matter with Councillor Moira Gibson.

The Canal is not only served as a notable wildlife habitat but also provides visitors with the picturesque canal an information point and gift shop, tearoom, picnic area, function room and a campsite. The towpath is also easily accessible from the Canal Centre which encourages visitors to visit the canal regularly.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

Mike Goodman  
 Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning