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Dear Colleague,

### Crumlin Arm – Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal

At the Council's Canal Working Group in February 2013, we received a presentation from the Chair outlining some of the activities and developments carried out by the Council's Canal Regeneration Partners, the M&B Trust, Torfaen CBC, Monmouthshire CBC and Newport CC. The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transportation, and Engineering and myself have now requested a snapshot survey to review the present situation surrounding the Crumlin Arm.

Some of you will recall that a major Canal Corridor Study was completed in 2005, and while detailed and comprehensive, included an assessment of the existing canal resources in terms of landscape, natural and built heritage, tourism, recreation and leisure, infrastructure, access and water management. It recommended restoration over 3 stages, ie. minimum intervention with safety enhancements, to full restoration link to Newport. The Council has basically adopted Stage 1 on a diminishing maintenance budget.

I appreciate the progress already achieved within the Borough, despite the major constraints of finance, but wish to review the Council's vision of the canal as a resource and strategic asset. Consequently, Members felt it opportune to receive an update across Departments, as the canal exists now, or any future aspirations if the canal could or should be developed further. I would ask for your support to complete the attached questionnaire and ask you to return it to Robert Davies, Strategy and Funding Unit by the **24<sup>th</sup> May 2013**. I have similarly requested Robert to arrange a visit to parts of the Canal and hope you will be able to join us, once the date has been agreed.

Yours sincerely,

**Councillor Ken James**

**Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning & Sustainable Development**

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