

The applicant's response to written representations submitted at Deadline 2 states that they are in ongoing discussions with the Canal and River Trust regarding the protective provisions in Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the Draft DCO and are seeking to engage with the Trust to seek to agree these provisions prior to the close of the examination. As an update, the Trust is continuing to negotiate Protective Provisions. The draft Protective Provisions are not yet agreed in a form which is acceptable to the Trust, but the Trust anticipates making further progress ahead of DL4. The Trust intends to provide a more substantive update, including an updated Statement of Common Ground. We aim for this to be at DL4.