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Cromford Canal: Beggarlee Extension Planning Application Submitted

The Friends of the Cromford Canal (FCC) is excited to announce that a cross-border planning application has been submitted to Broxtowe and Amber Valley Borough Councils to extend the navigable Cromford Canal north from the existing terminus at Langley Mill.

The application is currently available to view on the planning websites for both authorities, with reference 19/00139/FUL for Broxtowe and reference AVA/2019/0179 for Amber Valley.

Broxtowe will be acting as the lead authority for the cross-border application.

Named for an historic loading wharf on the site, the Beggarlee Extension will include the construction of 1km of new canal channel, a two-rise staircase pair of locks and utilisation of a disused bridge to pass underneath the A610 bypass. It will also provide a vital missing link to the footpaths in the area and allow visitors to link from the existing Erewash Valley trail to the nature reserves north of the site without a road diversion.

This work will form the first substantial restoration by the FCC since its formation in 2002 and builds upon its successful trip boat *Birdswood* at Cromford Wharf and the involvement of hundreds of volunteer members on working parties and at social events. Restoration of Langley Bridge Lock and the boatyard was previously carried out by the Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association, and the FCC is grateful for their continued support in its current endeavours.

The application has been spearheaded by the FCC's Strategic Restoration Committee and is the culmination of 18 months of hard work by a dedicated team of volunteer professionals. The SRC is also indebted to the professional support from officers in Derbyshire County Council.

The FCC would like to give all local residents the chance to view hard copies of the application documents and to raise any questions directly with the volunteers involved. To that end, a public display of the proposals will be held on **Saturday 13th April**, between **11am - 3pm**, at the **New Horizon Church, Langley Mill** (adjacent to the Great Northern Pub).

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