



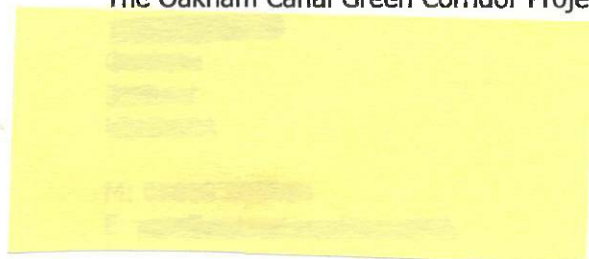
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Martin J Ball  
The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project



29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Councillors

### **Proposed erection of street furniture – briefing paper**

We are a relatively new charity which has the objective of improving access to the footpaths along the route of the old Oakham Canal from the edge of Oakham as far as Ashwell and, in so doing, the create a green corridor. We incorporated as a Charity in October 2020.

We have been fairly active with building a website [www.oakhamcanal.org](http://www.oakhamcanal.org)



and developing a Facebook page.

We were recently contacted by a 78-year old lady who said that she had, in her garden, one of the original mileposts from the Oakham Canal and she asked if we would like it. Of course, we said "Yes please". The post was quite rusty but we have found two local companies to help us refurbish it. One company shotblast the post for us and another has powder coated the post in white to put it back to how it was when it was first installed at the canal in 1802. The powder coating should last for 50 years.

We would like to site the post where the Oakham Canal is crossed by Burley Park Way, on the northern grass verge. This is just opposite where the footpath from the southern section of the canal emerges onto Burley Park Way. In this location the milepost will be seen by many thousands of people. Not only will it be of general interest, it may also result in more people wanting to become involved in our project.

To erect the milepost and signboard we do, of course, need formal permission. I have spoken to Stuart Crook who is Highways Asset Manager for Rutland County Council and he is in favour of our proposal but has advised that several things need to happen prior to RCC formally granting permission for the erection of the milepost and information board. These are:

- Submission of a completed Street Furniture Application form;
- A letter or email from an insurance company to confirm that the proposed structures are covered by a public liability insurance policy;
- A location map;
- An acknowledgement that Rutland County Council will need to check utility plans to make sure that services do not run underneath the proposed location;
- An acknowledgement that Rutland County Council is entitled to move the milepost and information board in the event that they need to undertake works at the proposed location.

We were advised by Mr Crook that it would be easier if the application form could be submitted by Oakham Town Council, principally because the insurers of OTC will already be used to providing public liability insurance against street furniture.

With regard to the application process I can advise:

1. The Street Furniture Application form has already been completed and provided to Alison Greaves. It just needs to be signed once this proposal has been ratified by Oakham Town Council.
2. Alison Greaves is obtaining/has obtained an email from OTC's insurers to confirm that both structures will be covered by public liability insurance.
3. A location map has already been produced and provided to Alison Greaves.
4. A covering letter to accompany the street furniture licence application form has been prepared from The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project acknowledging that Rutland County Council will need to check utility plans and that they have the right to move the milepost and information board in the event that they need to undertake works at the proposed location.

Thus, if the Councillors approve this proposal at the Oakham Town Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 the licence application can then be submitted by email to Stuart Crook at Rutland County Council [SCrook@rutland.gov.uk](mailto:SCrook@rutland.gov.uk) on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

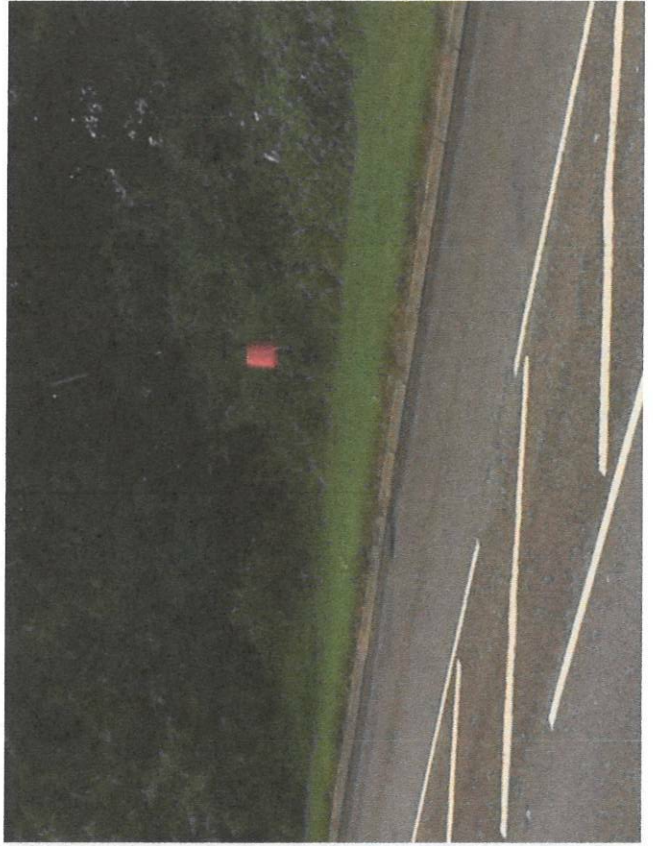
If Stuart Crook can then issue the licence in good time we can have the milepost erected between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021 when we are fortunate enough to have 10 military personnel from Kendrew Barracks helping us do jobs on the canal for one week of intense activity.

On behalf of myself and my fellow trustees I ask for your support of this proposal and we would like to extend our thanks in anticipate of approval.

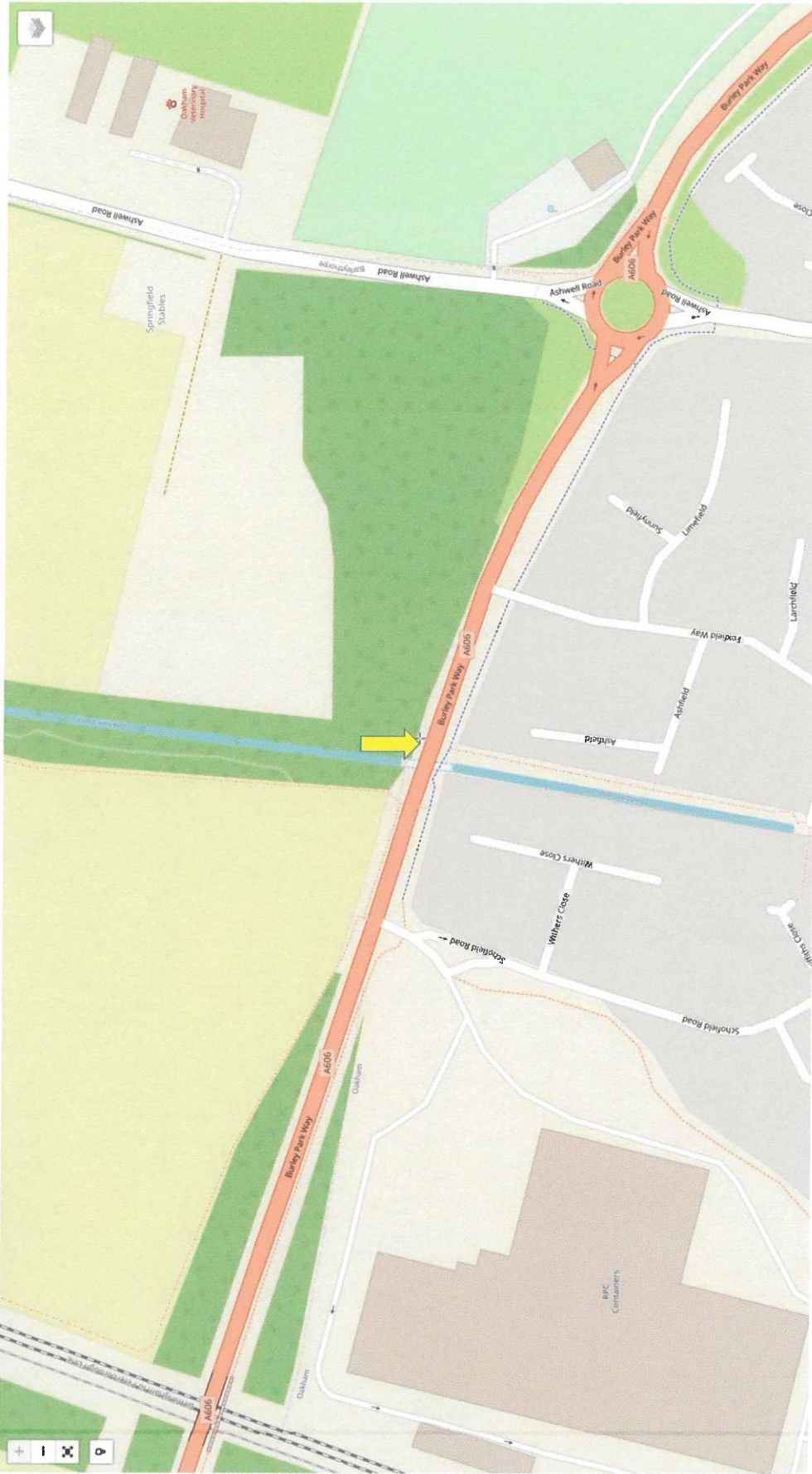
Yours sincerely



**Trustee**  
**The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project**



**Map showing proposed location of Oakham Canal Milepost**  
**Location post code LE15 6GG**  
**Map Reference SK 86250 09979**





# Rutland County Council

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR USE OF STREET FURNITURE	
Please read the <u>CUSTOMER NOTES FOR GUIDANCE</u> before completing this form	
I/We the undersigned hereby apply for a street furniture permit at the following location:	
LOCATION	SK 86250 09979
ROAD/STREET	Burley Park Way
TOWN/VILLAGE	Oakham, Rutland
POST CODE	LE15 6GG
PLANNING PERMISSION NUMBER (SEE CUSTOMER NOTES FOR GUIDANCE)	Not applicable
PROPOSED HOURS OF OPERATION	Not applicable
I/We, request a permit for the use of street furniture:	
NAME:	Oakham Town Council
ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM SITE ADDRESS ABOVE)	
ROAD/STREET	ROL House, Long Row
TOWN/VILLAGE	Oakham, Rutland
POST CODE	LE15 6LN
HOME TEL NO	<del>01572 757 757</del> and <del>01572 723 627</del>
MOBILE NO	<del>07803 005454</del>
SIGNATURE	
This form should be completed and forwarded together with an accompanying plan for the proposed location to the address above. Please see Appendix A for guidance on information the plan must contain.	

### OFFICE USE ONLY

PERMIT NO:		RECEIPT NO		DATE	
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Mr Stuart Crook  
Highways Asset Management and Policy Manager  
Rutland County Council  
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The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project

12<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Dear Mr Crook

### **Oakham Canal Milepost and Information Board**

Please find attached a Street Furniture Licence Application form which has been signed off by Oakham Town Council having been ratified by full council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021. As you suggested, the application form has been completed in the name of Oakham Town Council because their insurers will already be used to providing public liability insurance on street furniture.

The form has been prepared to cover an application for the erection of a refurbished milepost. This milepost was originally located on the Oakham Canal and has now been shotblasted and powder coated, which should keep it in presentable condition for the next 50 years. An information board will also be erected alongside the milepost, just to the right hand side. The information board has not yet been ordered but it is intended that it will be of the same, or similar, design to those used by Rutland County Council in the grounds of Oakham Castle. If desired, a follow-up letter can be sent to Rutland County Council giving further details of the proposed information board, before it is ordered and erected. Please advise if this is required.

Oakham Town Council will be responsible for the public liability insurance of the milepost and information board. To this end, a copy of an email from the Oakham Town Council insurers is attached confirming that public liability cover is extended to these structures.

A map showing the proposed location of the milepost and information board is attached to the Street Furniture Licence Application form. This shows the OS grid reference and post code of the location. The proposed location is just within the Oakham Town Council parish. Attached to this letter are some photographs showing the proposed location which is marked by a garden fork with an inverted red bucket over the handle.


It is accepted that Rutland County Council will need to make a utilities search to make sure that no services are buried beneath the proposed location (it is unlikely that there are any such services in this location). It is also accepted that Rutland County Council reserves the right to temporarily remove the milepost and information board in the unlikely event that any works are required to the grass verge at the proposed location.

We understand that, as there is no commercial reward to be gained from the sighting on the milepost and information board, Rutland County Council will not require a fee for this application.

We have 10 members of the British Army allocated to work on the Oakham Canal between 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021 so it would be extremely helpful if this licence application could be fast-tracked such that, if approved, we can use these troops to dig the hole and erect the milepost during that week.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Martin J Salt  
Trustee  
The Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project