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Dear Members & Supporters,

In my last Newsletter, circulated earlier this month, I mentioned a forthcoming meeting we had arranged with Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham and members of the Manchester City Council.

That meeting took place on Thursday afternoon and proved to be a very successful occasion.

Mr. Burnham was well versed in our ambitions and took no persuading of the potential benefits of our proposal.

The meeting concluded with the Mayor's Office actioned to liaise with Cllr. Tracey Rawling, MCC's Executive member for the Environment, and select a suitable officer to make further enquiries into the project, this would result in setting up a working party to take the scheme forward.

Suggested participants in this working party would include, not only GMCA, MCC and MSCS, but United Utilities (marina on Debdale reservoir), the Environment Agency (Flood Relief potential is seen from the scheme) and the Mayor's Walking & Cycling Initiative team (to ensure the best integration of leisure activities).

In view of the positive outcome of our meeting, I have no apologies in repeating my challenge to you all to rise to the occasion and come forward to fulfil the functions we will need to accomplish our aims :

- people experienced in fund raising from commerce and the large corporate providers of these finances, grant funding and match funding opportunities
- planning specialists, both strategic and in detail, who can set up and maintain a dialogue with the several associated City Council Departments - Planning, Estates, Transport & Communities etc.
- ecologists to liaise with the City Council's to argue the case that the canal will create a nett biodiversity gain for the corridor
- engineers, draftsmen, CAD operators to prepare plans, drawing & specifications enabling the canal to be safely constructed in a relatively confined area whilst keeping the walking & cycling corridor open
- design and planning of a marina at Debdale reservoir, co-ordinating with United Utilities to gain their approvals and permissions for the work

Even if you feel unable to help, you may just know someone who could. If so let us know !

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A Final Reminder

The second consultation on the improvements to the Fallowfield Loop closes next Friday 30th July – make sure you submit your comments in favour of the canal before it is too late.

Just go to :

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations_and_surveys/8185/fallowfield_loop_and_yellow_brick_road_consultation_second_stage

and as the website says – **“Have Your Say”**

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