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It is good to see SCC engaging in this exercise and consultation. However I am very disappointed that there has been no consideration given to a very important asset - the canal corridor from the city eastwards.

At present, despite a few patches of ad-hoc activity, this is best described as a neglected and effectively dead area. Other cities have made excellent use of canalside land to create very enjoyable green corridors for housing, business, active travel, leisure and wildlife,

At present the land between the canal and Effingham Rd appears to be occupied mainly by car scrappers, I don't underestimate the importance of recycling but given the intrinsic value of this site I feel sure that, were it to be re-zoned for housing developers and land owners would be quick to see the opportunity. It there were a plan for a high quality, secure (day and night) walking and cycling route into town along the canal that whole corridor could become an exemplary 'green' development and a very attractive place to live.

Of course the City needs the recyclers too but it would make sense to provide a more suitable location and maybe encourage a more efficient and less unsightly way of working.

Yours Faithfully Chris Rust