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Comments: The Caldon & Uttoxeter Canals Trust has looked at the above planning application and whilst quite happy with the quadrant surfacing and lock ladder works we object to the fabricated restrictor at the ends of the balance beams. Our objection is one of health & safety and one of heritage.

Dealing initially with the health and safety aspect we feel that this is of concern as whilst using the beam to open/shut the gates, movement is restricted in that often it is necessary to pull on the gate to start the operation of opening them and then moving to push them. With the restrictor in place this would mean having to scramble over the beam to reach the other side. This in itself would be more of a hazard than walking round an unrestricted beam as well as being a possible cause of injury whilst clambering over the beam. Furthermore, whilst doing so it is possible that the gate might move thereby causing the operator to be pushed into the canal. By moving round the end of the beam this is unlikely to happen as the operator would be holding the handle at the end of the beam.

We also object on heritage grounds. The lock is a listed building and as such the restrictor plays no part in that heritage and furthermore it is visually disturbing on an attractive set of locks.

It would seem to us that the solution would simply be to shorten the length of the beam thereby removing the hazard.

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