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Cllr Dave Brookes  
Friends of the Triangle  
c/o 23 Regent Street  
Lancaster  
LA1 1SQ

**Our Ref** Aldcliffe Road  
**Your Ref** Cllr Brookes

Dear Cllr Brookes

**LAND AT ALDCLIFFE ROAD, LANCASTER (KNOWN AS THE TRIANGLE)**

I refer to our recent discussions in respect of the above matter.

As you are aware this land is owned by the Canal & River Trust (The Trust) and is currently leased to Lancaster City Council by way of an 85 year lease from 1985. We understand that the Friends of the Triangle group has been formed by local councillors and residents to endeavour to enhance this small parcel of land and restore the main building to beneficial use.

The Trust is currently in discussion with both the City Council and the Friends as to the formal agreements, and their contents, necessary to enable the Friends' proposals to be taken forward. These agreements will seek to ensure a range of matters are addressed, including appropriate heritage matters.

Within the context of these ongoing discussions the Trust recognises there is a need for improvements to the site in order to address the issues of vandalism, antisocial behaviour, disrepair and neglect which have arisen in recent years. The Trust therefore supports the endeavours of the Friends in seeking to improve and enhance this piece of land which is currently a source of concern for the local community.

Furthermore, the Trust considers that addressing these issues on the Triangle site would help to generate benefits for the wider waterway corridor, making it a more physically attractive and secure environment for towpath and waterway users alike. Enhancements on this site would also complement other works (or proposed works) being undertaken by the Trust, and others, along this stretch of waterway, strengthening the attraction of Lancaster and the Canal as a destination on

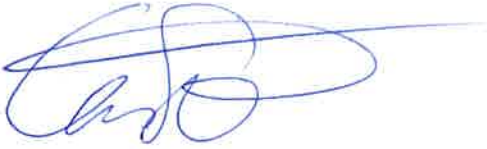
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the inland waterway network. This would also encourage greater use by pedestrians using the corridor as a key link to the City Centre from the South.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ian Sprott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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