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| **Community and Governance Committee Meeting** | A black and white drawing of a building with a tower  Description automatically generated with low confidence  Market Drayton  Town Council |
| **Agenda Item: Correspondance v. Market Drayton Canal**  **Volunteer Group** |
| **Date: 18 September 2025** |
| **Appendix : CG095** |

**Request**

Canal and Rivers Trust has recently closed the Canal side Refuse Collection area permanently , this is the 'boaters' facility at Bridge 63 Betton Mill. This is because of access problems to empty their bins and their move to recycling bins require more frequent emptying.

As a small volunteer group doing our best to maintain and enhance the appearance and attraction of the Shropshire Union Canal in the interests of the Town we would request that the Town Council make the strongest possible comment in opposition to this backward and damaging of their decision to close the facility. we feel that it is a retrograde step for both the Town and Canal users alike. The Canal is a most appreciated attraction by the general public and is a means of promoting the Town for visiting and supporting the local economy and this will have a negative effect on us all. Please note the following comments.

The canal users are being advised to use Audlem or Tyrley disposal facilities as alternatives, these are some 9 miles apart with multiple locks to negotiate in -between (travelling time according to users up to 2days.) this is dependent on canal traffic and possibly alright for some but more difficult for families using hire boats.

There will be and already has been illegal dumping of waste bags along the canal, this will encourage more fly-tipping particularly in more rural areas.

It will in certain cases become a health hazard and an environmental one too.

Tyrley Sanitary Station has already been permanently closed in 2024 another retrograde step.

CRT have still got the Canal side yard at Betton Mill and the Moorings area where they could relocate the recycling bins.

Can this please be presented to Full Council as an Agenda item.

Thanking you in anticipation.