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When the current galvanised steel parapets on the B2133 Loxwood High Street canal bridge first appeared, there was a very negative reaction from the local community. Over 700 people signed a petition protesting against the design.

A group was formed, with representatives from Loxwood Parish Council, the Loxwood Society and the Wey & Arun Canal Trust, to look into options for improving the appearance of the parapets. They concluded that there were 2 possibilities:

- (1) Reduce the height of the parapets from 1.8m to 1.4m (the minimum allowed by the highway safety regulations);
- (2) Reduce the height of the parapets and clad them in brick.

The Loxwood community strongly favoured option (2) but the Canal Trust reluctantly decided that it could not justify spending canal restoration funds on this option. As a way forward, the Trust and Loxwood village have now agreed to support a joint fundraising effort to meet the difference between the cost of options (1) and (2) - estimated at £35,000. If this effort does not succeed within a reasonable time, there is a risk that Chichester District Council's Planning Department will enforce option (1).

The new design will fit in with the widely admired Loxwood Lock and horse bridge, built in local materials by Canal Trust volunteers. The Trust are proud of their achievement in removing the canal blockage at Loxwood High Street. The Trust and Loxwood residents strongly feel that the new parapets will put the finishing touch to this ambitious and highly successful project.

The Wey & Arun Canal Trust have set up a ring-fenced fund for the parapets. If you would like to support the fundraising effort, please complete the form on the reverse of this leaflet.

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ towards the Loxwood High Street Canal Bridge Parapets Fund.

Please make your cheque payable to The Wey & Arun Canal Trust and return to: Sally Schupke (Chairman), Wey & Arun Canal Trust, The Granary, Fritchfold Farm, Loxwood, Billingshurst, RH14 0RH.

(Please delete if not applicable)

I am a UK taxpayer and ask that this and any future donations be treated as a Gift Aid donation to recover tax I have paid.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

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