

Fund Britain's Waterways Update for Members, February 2024

Dear FBW member,

You will have received a copy of an FBW press release that was issued on 12 February 2024, announcing that we will be providing members with the opportunity to quiz navigation authorities.

FBW's activities to date have focused on raising awareness of the challenges facing our canals and rivers and the message that increased and sustainable funding is needed. At the same time as campaigning for increased funding for navigation authorities, FBW recognises the importance of those navigation authorities being able to explain how they are making the best possible use of funds for the waterways. FBW will therefore be holding sessions with major navigation authorities, starting with the Canal & River Trust on Wednesday 10 April 2024.

The sessions will be chaired by FBW and live streamed to FBW members, with a recording and written notes of the meeting to be made publicly available at a later date. FBW members are invited to submit detailed written questions, which will be collated and submitted to each navigation authority two weeks in advance of its meeting. FBW will then ask the questions in the meeting and the navigation authority will provide detailed answers, both in person in the meeting and also in writing.

By arranging these sessions we are enabling FBW members to ask questions on any area including those where reservations are publicly expressed. These will be positive and constructive sessions which we hope will benefit both the navigation authority and FBW.

Questions for the Canal & River Trust session should be submitted by 13 March 2024 to info@fundbritainswaterways.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Join the campaign to protect our canals and rivers from funding cuts.

With your help, the waterways stand a better chance of securing the investment they need.