



The 2.5 km.Athlone Canal was constructed in 1757.

It has been the subject over a long number of years of many reports,plans and town development objectives. The last of these plans viz. Athlone Canal – A Planning Study was adopted by Athlone Town Council in 2013

This plan acts as a tool to inform and provide guidance for us in attaining our objectives of engaging in activities and projects that will not only improve the appearance and environment of our watercourse but also promotes the built cultural and natural heritage of the canal

Our activities and projects continue to receive support from Westmeath County Council and LAWPRO

We would ask that the section of the planning study “Opportunity Options 6.2.2-6.2.5 which includes the rewatering of the 250mtr.lower middle canal section be revisited and evaluated.

We would also bring to your attention a 2019 research paper citing “ The urban cooling effect of canals in cities shown to exceed 1degree centigrade in summer”