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Waterway Park Gets A Step Closer

Plans for a Waterway Park running through mid-Bedfordshire were given a boost last Friday when over 60 delegates representing local councils, land owners, architects and planners met at the Marston Vale Forest Centre to discuss ways of turning the vision into a reality. The event was organised by the Bedford & Milton Keynes Waterway Trust, the body which is campaigning for a waterway linking the Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes to the Great Ouse at Kempston.

One of the exhibits was the 'Brogborough Whirl' a spiral boat lift for getting boats up and down Brogborough Hill. If built, the boats would be loaded into water filled tanks and transported on rails. The complex would include a hotel and visitors centre, eco homes built into a grass embankment, and possibly a white water raft run.

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Notes to editor:

Photo of the Brogborough Whirl are on the following page along with a photo of delegates in session.



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