

## **Grand Union Canal Transfer – launch of public consultation**

We would like to inform you of the launch of our first public consultation for the Grand Union Canal Transfer. This is a vital new scheme to move water from the Midlands to the Southeast. It is needed to secure future drinking water supplies. The scheme will also help to protect the environment, ensure future water availability for canal navigation, and unlock investment in our communities.

Consulting with our communities is a central part of the planning process and we encourage people to share their thoughts and opinions on this ambitious and transformative project. These comments will help us understand the local area, and any potential impacts our proposals may have on the community and the environment.

**The consultation will launch at midday 11 September and run until 25 October.**

### **What is the Grand Union Canal Transfer**

The scheme is a joint water transfer project between two water companies, Severn Trent and Affinity Water, and the charity Canal & River Trust ('the Trust') who care for 2000 miles of canals and navigable rivers in England and Wales.

It will use a combination of new pipelines, water treatment plants and other infrastructure, as well as the canals themselves to transfer water from one region to another.

To help people identify the main areas of the scheme, we have split the project into three key sections:

- Northern section – transferring water from a proposed new Advanced Water Treatment Plant at the existing Minworth Wastewater Recycling Centre, to the Coventry Canal at Atherstone via underground pipeline
- Canal section – using the existing canal network to transfer water by building some new infrastructure such as pumping stations and gravity bypasses, alongside adapting some of the existing structures
- Southern section – transferring water into a proposed water treatment works and water storage, before it is transferred by underground pipeline to Affinity Water's customers

You can find out all about the proposals and where we might need new infrastructure on our website: [www.guctransfer.co.uk](http://www.guctransfer.co.uk)

### **The consultation**

Local communities and interested parties can take part in our consultation in the following ways:

- Online: complete and submit a feedback form on our website:  
[www.guctransfer.co.uk/haveyoursay](http://www.guctransfer.co.uk/haveyoursay)
- Email: email your feedback to [contact@guctransfer.co.uk](mailto:contact@guctransfer.co.uk)
- Freepost: post a hard copy feedback form or a written response to Freepost GRAND UNION CANAL TRANSFER (no stamp required).

We'll be holding a series of consultation events and pop-up events at various locations which will provide opportunities to talk to us and find out more:

Date	Type	Location
<b>Saturday 21 September</b>	Consultation event	<b>Atherstone</b> Owen Street Community Arts Centre, Owen Street, Atherstone CV9 1DG <b>11am-3pm</b>
<b>Monday 23 September</b>	Consultation event	<b>Slapton</b> Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall, Church Rd, Leighton Buzzard LU7 9BX <b>4pm-8pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 24 September</b>	Consultation event	<b>Eaton Bray</b> Eaton Bray Methodist Church, Totternhoe Rd, Eaton Bray, Dunstable LU6 2BD <b>4pm-8pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 25 September</b>	Consultation event	<b>Chaul End</b> Lyons Community Centre, 33a Mallard Cres, Caddington, Luton LU1 4FG <b>4pm-8pm</b>
<b>Friday 27 September</b>	Consultation event	<b>Curdworth</b> Curdworth Village Hall, 70 Coleshill Rd, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield B76 9HH <b>4pm-8pm</b>

<b>Saturday 28 September</b>	Consultation event	<b>Daventry</b> Daventry Community Centre, Ashby Rd, Daventry NN11 0QE <b>11am-3pm</b>
<b>Saturday 28 September</b>	Pop-up	<b>Fenny Stratford Junction</b> Opposite side of the canal from the Red Lion, 11 Lock View Ln, Fenny Stratford, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK1 1BY <b>9.30am-12.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 28 September</b>	Pop-up	<b>Grove Lock</b> Opposite side of the canal from the Grove Lock, Grove, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 0QU <b>2.30pm-5.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 October</b>	Consultation event	<b>Hurley</b> Hurley Village, 41 Knowle Hill, Hurley, Atherstone CV9 2JD <b>4pm-8pm</b>
<b>Thursday 3 October</b>	Pop-up	<b>Stoke Bruerne Lock Bypass</b> Near the Canal Museum, Stoke Bruerne, Bridge Rd, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester NN12 7SE <b>10.30pm-13.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 4 October</b>	Pop-up	<b>Braunston Junction</b> Near Union Canal Carriers, Dark Ln, Braunston, Daventry NN11 7HJ <b>10.30am-1.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 4 October</b>	Consultation event	<b>Leighton Buzzard</b> Astral Park Community Centre, Johnson Dr, Leighton Buzzard LU7 4AY <b>4pm-8pm</b>
<b>Saturday 5 October</b>	Consultation event	<b>Great Brickhill</b> Great Brickhill Community Centre, Rotten Row, Great Brickhill, Milton Keynes MK17 9BA <b>11pm-3pm</b>

<b>Saturday 5 October</b>	Pop-up	<b>Hawkesbury Junction</b> Near the Hawkesbury Junction Pump House, opposite side of the canal from The Greyhound, Sutton Stop, Coventry CV6 6DF  <b>9.30am-12.30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 5 October</b>	Pop-up	<b>Hillmorton Locks</b> Opposite side of the canal from the Canalchef Cafe, Badseys Wharf, The Locks, Hillmorton, Rugby CV21 4PP  <b>2.30pm-5.30pm</b>

### Get in touch

If you or a local resident have a question about the scheme, if you need hardcopy documents or have any other queries, please do get in contact at any time by emailing [contact@guctransfer.co.uk](mailto:contact@guctransfer.co.uk), or calling us on **0121 270 5920**.

We look forward to sharing the outcome of the consultations and updates on the project with you and the communities you represent as the scheme progresses.

Kind regards

Grand Union Canal Transfer engagement team

