



Grand Union
Canal Transfer

Moving water together

Phase Two Public Consultation Feedback Form

February to April 2026

We want to hear your views on our proposals for the Grand Union Canal Transfer

To help you complete this feedback form, you may want to read our consultation brochure and supporting documents at www.guctransfer.co.uk/consultation.

If you have any questions, or require a hard copy of the brochure or supporting documents, please email contact@guctransfer.co.uk or call 0121 270 5920.



The deadline for submitting your response is Thursday 2 April 2026 at 11:59pm.



You can complete and return this form to: Freepost GRAND UNION CANAL TRANSFER (no stamp needed)

You can complete the whole feedback form if you wish, or just provide comments for the section of the scheme you're interested in. The feedback form is split into the following sections:

- About you (optional)
- Northern section
- Canal section
- Southern section
- Environment
- Construction
- Social value
- Draft design principles
- Any other comments



About you (optional)

Name:	What is your main area of interest in the Grand Union Canal Transfer?
	☐ I live locally ☐ I work locally
Address:	☐ I'm a local business owner
	☐ I'm a landowner within the corridor route
	☐ I'm a regular visitor to/user of the canal
	☐ I'm a local representative (e.g councillor, MP) (please specify in the text box below)
Email address:	☐ I'm part of a statutory organisation (please specify in the text box below)
	☐ Other (please specify in the text box below)

Northern section

In this section, we're proposing to transfer water from a new Advanced Water Treatment Plant (AWTP) in Minworth to the Coventry Canal at Atherstone via a new 15 kilometre underground pipeline. Water will then enter the canal at a new outfall location east of Atherstone Golf Club. You can read more about our plans for this section on pages 25 to 41 of our brochure.

1. Do you have any comments that could help us develop our plans for the AWTP at Minworth further?

2. Pipeline corridor

a. Do you have any comments on the updated pipeline corridor route we've shared as part of this consultation? Your input will help us refine the corridor from Minworth to Atherstone.

b. Do you have any comments on our proposals for the break-pressure tank, near Baxterley?

c. Do you have any comments that can help us minimise the impacts of our pipeline route as it approaches the canal near Atherstone and the outfall location we've presented?



Canal section

To help the water along its way and to ensure that our water transfer doesn't adversely affect the navigation and recreational use of the canal network, we'll need to build some new infrastructure and modify some existing infrastructure. This includes up to four new transfer locks (which will each require a pumping station), four pumped bypasses (which will each require a pumping station) and seven gravity bypasses. We'll also need to undertake bank raising in certain locations, and potentially adapt some existing structures such as weirs. You can read more about our plans for this section on pages 42 to 74 of our brochure.

3. We've shared our proposals for new pumping stations, gravity bypasses, and transfer locks along the canal. Do you have any feedback on our proposals for this infrastructure, or on the indicative designs we've shared, to help us finalise these plans? If so, please specify the infrastructure and location in your response.

4. We've also shared our proposals for adjustments we'll need to make to existing infrastructure such as bank raising, adjustments to weirs and Bridge 88 (also known as Peartree Bridge, in Woughton Marina, Milton Keynes). Do you have any feedback on our proposals for this infrastructure, to help us finalise these plans? If so, please specify the infrastructure and location in your response.

5. Do you have any comments on our proposals for work at Daventry and Drayton Reservoirs?

For some of the infrastructure we're proposing along the canal we've presented different options; we've suggested two locations for the new Springwood Transfer Lock, and two options for ensuring the Iron Trunk Aqueduct is able to accommodate the water transfer. You can read more about these options on pages 61 to 68 of our brochure.

6. Do you have any comments on the two options we've presented for the location of the Springwood Transfer Lock, to help us decide which location to take forward?

7. Do you have any comments on the two options we've presented on the proposals for the Iron Trunk Aqueduct, to accommodate the additional water as part of the transfer?



Southern section

In this section, we're proposing to pipe water from the canal via a new abstraction structure, to be stored and treated at our proposed Galley Water Treatment Works near Great Brickhill, southeast of Milton Keynes, before transferring it via a new underground pipeline to an existing covered reservoir near Luton. You can read more about our plans for this section on pages 75 to 88 of our brochure.

8. Galley Water Treatment Works and water storage site

a. Do you have any comments on our proposed abstraction structure and infrastructure to transfer water from the canal to the Galley Water Treatment Works and water storage site?

b. Do you have any comments on our proposals for the water storage site?

c. Do you have any comments on our proposals for the Galley Water Treatment Works, including our proposed access road location off the A4146?

9. Do you have any comments on the proposed pipeline corridor route between the Galley Water Treatment Works and the existing covered reservoir near Luton? Your input will help us refine the corridor from the Galley Water Treatment Works to Luton.

Environment

Information about the potential significant environmental effects of the scheme, and our proposed mitigation measures for these, is available in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and the PEIR Non-Technical Summary available on our website at www.guctransfer.co.uk/consultation. You can read more about the purpose of the PEIR on page 100 of our brochure.

10. Do you have any comments on the potential environmental effects of the scheme we've identified, and how we propose to mitigate them?

11. Is there any information about the environment in your local area that you think we should know about? Please specify the location in your response.

Construction

Information about our construction plans for each section of the scheme can be found on pages 92 to 96 of our brochure. Further details regarding how we propose to mitigate any impacts of construction are available in the preliminary outline Construction Environmental Management Plan on our website at www.guctransfer.co.uk/consultation.

12. Do you have any comments on our construction plans or any impacts of our construction of the scheme, and how we propose to mitigate them?

Social value

Information about our social value proposals can be found in our Approach to Social Value document on our website at www.guctransfer.co.uk/consultation and on page 98 of our brochure.

13. Do you have any comments on our Approach to Social Value?

14. Do you have any suggestions for social value opportunities in your local area which we can consider as part of our approach?

Draft design principles

Information about our draft design principles can be found in our Draft Design Principles document on our website at www.guctransfer.co.uk/consultation and on page 24 of our brochure.

15. Do you have any comments on the draft design principles (including canalside design principles) we've developed for the scheme, to help us refine these to site-specific design principles?



Any other comments?

16. Do you have any comments on any of the other information we've provided, or anything else you would like us to consider?



Next steps

The consultation will close on
Thursday 2 April 2026 at 11:59pm.

We'll then carefully consider all the feedback we've received and review our plans. The feedback will also be summarised in a report that will be published on our website later this year.



For all the latest information go to www.guctransfer.co.uk where you can register for updates.

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We're committed to protecting your personal information. Affinity Water, Severn Trent and Canal & River Trust are acting as joint data controllers for the Grand Union Canal Transfer scheme.

This means that collectively we're responsible for choosing the type of data used, and how such data is going to be used for the scheme. Any information provided will be used in line with relevant laws on the protection of personal data, and you have a number of legal rights in relation to your personal data.

Responses received may be included in the Development Consent Order application following the consultation and shared with the Planning Inspectorate to aid the decision making process on whether to grant consent for the scheme.

Our full privacy statement can be found on our website at www.guctransfer.co.uk/privacy.





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Speak to the team

If you would like to ask any questions about the scheme,
please feel free to get in touch with our engagement team:

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