



Grand Union
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Statement of Community Consultation

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1. Introduction

1.1 About this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) outlines how we will approach consulting the local community, including residents, canal customers and users, businesses and interest groups and other stakeholders within the local area during the Phase Two Public Consultation for the Grand Union Canal Transfer. The Phase Two Public Consultation will run between 11 February 2026 and 2 April 2026.
- 1.1.2 The Grand Union Canal Transfer (the scheme) is a proposed water transfer project between two water companies, Severn Trent and Affinity Water, and the Canal & River Trust charity who are the owner and navigation authority for the canals in England and Wales. See Section 1.2 for more information on the scheme partners.
- 1.1.3 The scheme partners are working together to deliver the Grand Union Canal Transfer, which will secure future drinking water supplies, protect the environment, ensure future water availability for canal navigation, and unlock investment in our communities.
- 1.1.4 The scheme will start at the Minworth Wastewater Recycling Centre near Birmingham, where water will be transferred via a new underground pipeline to an outfall location near Atherstone in Warwickshire. It will then begin its journey along the Coventry, Oxford and the Grand Union canals.
- 1.1.5 The water from Minworth's Wastewater Recycling Centre is treated recycled water, which would usually be discharged into the River Tame. Under the scheme, some of this recycled water will be diverted to a new Advanced Water Treatment Plant (AWTP) that will bring it to the required quality for transfer through the canals.
- 1.1.6 Once it has been transferred through the canal network, the water will be piped from the canal, stored and treated again at a new water treatment works proposed near Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire before being transferred via a new underground pipeline as clean drinking water into Affinity Water's supply network for customers from an existing covered reservoir near Luton.

GUCT scheme route overview



- 1.1.7 Recognising the extent of the scheme, we have split the route into three sections. This is intended to help people identify which part of the scheme they may be most interested in but does not prevent people from providing feedback on any part of the proposals.
- Northern section: Minworth Wastewater Recycling Centre to Atherstone outfall
 - Canal section: Atherstone outfall to the abstraction point near Great Brickhill, Buckinghamshire
 - Southern section: Galley Water Treatment Works, near Great Brickhill to the existing covered reservoirs near Luton
- 1.1.8 We are currently in the ‘pre-application’ stage of the DCO process and are progressing with the siting, design and assessment of the proposed development’s impacts.
- 1.1.9 This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with:
- Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 (the Act), which outlines the Applicant’s obligation to “*prepare a statement setting out how the applicant proposes to consult, about the proposed application, people living in the vicinity of the land*”; and
 - Regulation 12 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations), which requires the SoCC to set out whether the development is an EIA development and, if so, how the Applicant is publicising and consulting on the preliminary environmental information.
- 1.1.10 **Legislative changes** – the government recently adopted changes to the DCO regime in the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025, that affect the statutory requirement to consult. At the time of publication, timescales for these changes coming into force (and specific requirements following the changes) remain unclear. The scheme recognises the value of consultation and the benefits it brings by helping to improve project design and to build awareness and advocacy among host communities. Any subsequent changes will be discussed with the relevant local authorities in the run up to consultation.

1.2 About the Applicant

- 1.2.1 The Applicants for the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the scheme will be Affinity Water (AfW), Severn Trent (ST) and the Canal & River Trust¹ (the Trust).
- Affinity Water is the UK’s largest water-only supply company. It provides, on average, 950 million litres of water each day to more than 3.8 million people in parts of Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Surrey, the London Boroughs of Harrow and Hillingdon and parts of the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Ealing and Enfield. It also supplies water to the Tendring peninsula in Essex and the Folkestone and Dover areas of Kent.
 - Severn Trent is one of the largest regulated water and sewerage companies in the UK, providing water and waste services to more than 4.5 million homes and businesses in the Midlands, from the outskirts of Bristol to the southern suburbs of Sheffield.
 - The Trust is the UK’s largest canal charity, caring for a 2,000-mile network of canals and navigable rivers and attracting 800 million unique visits to the network and supporting 80,000+ waterway dependent jobs. Its canal network is used by more boats now than at the peak of the Industrial Revolution and connects many of the UK’s urban and rural areas, providing essential spaces for wildlife and people.

¹ A final decision on whether the Canal & River Trust will be a formal co-applicant will be made before the DCO is submitted.

1.3 Developing the SoCC

- 1.3.1 Section 47(2) of the Act, requires us to prepare the SoCC in consultation with the local authorities whose administrative area the scheme lies within, as defined by Section 43(1) of the Act. These authorities are:

Birmingham City Council
North Warwickshire Borough Council
Warwickshire County Council
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Coventry City Council
Rugby Borough Council
West Northamptonshire Council
Milton Keynes City Council
Central Bedfordshire Council
Buckinghamshire Council

- 1.3.2 We have been engaging with the relevant local authorities throughout the early development of the scheme. This has involved both direct engagement and participation in a Local Authority Liaison Group (LALG), a quarterly forum set-up and chaired by the scheme team, which brings together representatives from all local authorities.
- 1.3.3 We carried out informal engagement on the proposed approach to consultation on the scheme set out in this SoCC ahead of its development. This included presenting our approach at a LALG meeting on 23 July 2025 and inviting comments. Following the meeting, we issued a request for any further comments and allowed four weeks for responses.
- 1.3.4 In accordance with the requirements of the Act, we then carried out formal consultation with the local authorities between Friday 24 October and Tuesday 25 November 2025, a period of 32 days (and in excess of the 28-day statutory minimum).
- 1.3.5 The feedback we received from the local authorities has been taken into consideration and helped shape the approach set out in this SoCC.
- 1.3.6 We have also had regard to the Guidance on the pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects as required by Section 50(3) of the Act (see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/planning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects>).

2. The Development Consent Order Process

2.1 The process

- 2.1.1 The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has directed that the proposed development is of national significance and is to be treated as a project for which development consent is required. The Section 35 direction which provides further details on the reasoning for this direction is available at: [https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/WA0210001-000012-Grand Union Canal Transfer Project section 35 direction.pdf](https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/WA0210001-000012-Grand_Union_Canal_Transfer_Project_section_35_direction.pdf)
- 2.1.2 This means we require consent via a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the scheme to be constructed and operated. Ultimately, we will make an application to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, via the Planning Inspectorate.
- 2.1.3 You can find more information about the Planning Inspectorate and the DCO process on the National Infrastructure Planning website: <https://national-infrastructureconsenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>
- 2.1.4 As part of the pre-application stage, we are currently required by the Act to undertake a statutory consultation on the scheme and there are a number of requirements that our consultation must meet.
- 2.1.5 Sections 42, 43 and 44 of the Act (and the relevant regulations) require consultation with a number of prescribed bodies and statutory undertakers, local authorities, and those with an interest in land which the proposed application relates or any part of that land ('the land').
- 2.1.6 Section 47 of the Act sets out the requirement to consult the local community, which is defined as people living in the vicinity of the land, before the application is submitted, and to prepare a statement (this document), developed in consultation with the host local authorities, explaining how this consultation will be carried out. A host local authority includes any district, county or county borough council in which the land required by the scheme sits within. We must undertake adequate consultation before submitting our DCO application.
- 2.1.7 We must also have regard to all responses received to the consultation and the publicity for the proposed application required by section 48, and consider responses in the evolution of the design of the scheme, in line with Section 49 of the Act.
- 2.1.8 Our DCO application will set out how we have carried out consultation on the scheme and will include details of how we have taken account of all feedback received.
- 2.2.1 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is the process of identifying and evaluating the potential environmental impacts of a scheme and outlining ways to avoid, minimise or mitigate those impacts as much as possible.
- 2.2.2 Due to the size, nature and location of the scheme, it is likely to have significant environmental effects and is therefore considered EIA development. As such, an Environmental Statement (ES) will be submitted as part of the DCO application.
- 2.2.3 We have already submitted an EIA Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate in March 2025 setting out the proposed scope of the surveys and assessments to be undertaken

during the EIA process. The Scoping Report documents can be found here: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA0210001/documents>

- 2.2.4 The EIA Scoping Report has been considered by the Planning Inspectorate and a range of statutory consultees including, but not limited to, the Environment Agency, Natural England, Historic England and all relevant Local Planning Authorities.
- 2.2.5 The Planning Inspectorate then prepared a written Scoping Opinion on behalf of the Secretary of State, taking into account the comments of the consultees. This was published on 8 May 2025 detailing the scope and level of detail of the information which is to be provided in the ES.
- 2.2.6 The Scoping Opinion is available on the Planning Inspectorate's website and can be read at the following link: <https://nsip-documents.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/published-documents/WA0210001-000017-Grand%20Union%20Canal%20Transfer%20Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>
- 2.2.7 We have been undertaking the surveys and assessments outlined in the EIA Scoping Report, with consideration to the feedback provided within the Scoping Opinion. We have prepared a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), in line with Regulation 12(2) of the EIA Regulations, that is being published at the Phase Two Public Consultation. The purpose of the PEIR is to provide information to help people understand the likely significant effects of the scheme. As described in Planning Inspectorate Advice Note 7², the PEIR is a compilation of the environmental information available at the point in time the PEIR was produced and does not constitute a complete assessment (which will be reported within the ES).
- 2.2.8 The PEIR will be made publicly available on the project website and information on how to view will be included in the Consultation Brochure that is being published at the Phase Two Public Consultation.

² [Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects - Advice Note Seven: Environmental Impact Assessment: process, preliminary environmental information and environmental statements - GOV.UK](#)

3. Consultation and engagement to date

3.1 Engagement ahead of the Phase One Public Consultation

- 3.1.1 We have been engaging with stakeholders about the scheme since 2019. This has included technical engagement to inform a potential solution for the water transfer, and to share the objectives of the scheme.
- 3.1.2 Since June 2023, engagement on the scheme has increasingly focused on the details of the proposals between Minworth in Severn Trent's supply area and Affinity Water's supply area in the south, as well as supporting the application for development consent.
- 3.1.3 Between June 2023 and the launch of the Phase One Public Consultation in September 2024, engagement was targeted at groups or organisations who it was considered could best contribute to the development of the early proposals through providing strategic and local knowledge and advice.
- 3.1.4 We also carried out early work to identify landowners that may be affected by the scheme, including sending out land ownership information questionnaires. Landowners have an important role to play in the DCO process, and this engagement will continue throughout the pre-application process and beyond.
- 3.1.5 We also established two collaborative forums to help engage wider groups relevant to the scheme development:
- **Local Authority Liaison Group (LALG)** is a technical working group created to bring local authorities across the whole scheme together to help generate constructive engagement and facilitate information sharing throughout the Development Consent Order (DCO) process. The group allows members to learn about and discuss the scheme, while also providing them with an opportunity to input and influence how our plans for the scheme develop.
 - **Canal User Working Group (CUWG)** is a community working group that aims to engage with those that have a close interaction with the stretch of the canal relevant to the scheme. It consists of canal businesses, canal customers, water users, towpath users and wider canal interest groups. Bringing these groups together will help gain an understanding of key areas of concern to inform the technical team as well as identify key communication channels and opportunities for betterment.
- 3.1.6 The scheme website – www.guctransfer.co.uk was launched on 13 June 2024 to provide wider stakeholders and communities early information on why the scheme is needed and how it will be developed, as well as information about the partner organisations. An early signpost to the planned public consultation was included to explain to people when further information would be available. The website included a 'keep in touch' form to allow interested parties to sign up for regular scheme updates and communications.

3.2 Phase One Public Consultation

- 3.2.1 This consultation took place between 11 September 2024 and 25 October 2024 and provided us with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the views of those stakeholders impacted by or interested in the scheme.

- 3.2.2 To publicise the consultation, we sent over 13,000 postcards to those living near the proposed scheme; contacted over 7,000 boating customers via the Trust's existing contact channels; sent 250 emails to stakeholders; issued press releases and placed adverts in local media; and sent posters to prominent community venues in the vicinity of the scheme.
- 3.2.3 We held nine consultation events and six pop-up events to give people an opportunity to find out more about the scheme, ask any questions and provide feedback. The events were attended by 780 people.
- 3.2.4 In total, we received 482 responses to the consultation. We have considered all of the feedback received alongside our ongoing technical and environmental work, and they've helped inform the scheme design to be presented at the Phase Two Public Consultation.
- 3.2.5 More information about the first consultation, and how we considered the feedback received, will be available in the Phase One Public Consultation Report which will be published as part of our Phase Two Public Consultation.
- 3.2.6 Our approach to our Phase Two Public Consultation has been informed by our approach at Phase One Public Consultation. Due to the positive turnout we received at the consultation events and the number of responses received, we are repeating a number of methods we used at our first consultation, such as our methods for publicising the scheme, particular groups to contact at consultation launch, and the locations of the consultation events. We have also considered any feedback we received about the consultation at Phase One Public Consultation as we developed our approach for our Phase Two Public Consultation.

3.3 Engagement following the consultation

- 3.3.1 Following the Phase One Public Consultation, we continued to engage with a range of stakeholders. This has included further engagement with technical stakeholders to inform our environmental assessments, and to help progress our design for the scheme.
- 3.3.2 We have carried out further discussions with landowners, to understand more about their land ownership and how we might need to use their land.
- 3.3.3 We have also carried out engagement with a number of parish and town councils along the route to help inform our plans for specific aspects of the scheme.
- 3.3.4 Throughout this period, the LALG and CUWG have met regularly, helping us share updates on how the scheme is progressing.
- 3.3.5 Recognising the time between the first consultation and the Phase Two Public Consultation, we have published a series of Community Updates through the scheme website. These updates have provided more information on key aspects of the scheme's development, including how we will use consultation feedback, our approach to environmental assessments and how we are continuing to consider impacts on canal customers and users and working with landowners and occupiers to gather information. We have also published a number of factsheets on the scheme website providing additional information on key aspects of the scheme such as our suggested infrastructure along the canal, further information for landowners and an overview of the planning process for the scheme.

4. Phase Two Public Consultation

4.1 Phase Two Public Consultation overview

- 4.1.1 We will be holding our Phase Two Public Consultation for the scheme for a period of seven weeks from 11 February 2026 to 2 April 2026.
- 4.1.2 The purpose of the Phase Two Public Consultation is to provide information on the proposals to the local community and canal customers and users including canal based businesses and those that live on or along the canals, consultees prescribed under the Act, other potentially affected stakeholders, and anyone with an interest in the scheme. The consultation provides an opportunity to comment on the proposals, which have evolved since our first consultation, so feedback can be considered as part of the ongoing design of the scheme to be included in the DCO application.
- 4.1.3 We will run a consultation that is compliant with the Act and delivered in accordance with this SoCC. Effective stakeholder engagement and consultation are fundamental to the Act, and we know the benefits it brings to helping inform our design for the scheme. Therefore, it's important to raise awareness of the scheme and provide further opportunity for local communities and stakeholders to engage with and influence the development of the proposals prior to submission of our DCO application.
- 4.1.4 The project is proceeding on the basis that a full statutory consultation under the existing regime will be delivered, due to the uncertainty regarding implementation of the changes, and the requirements following the changes, to the DCO regime as set out in Section 1.1.10.

4.2 Consultation approach

- 4.2.1 The approach to consultation for the scheme focuses on obtaining feedback that is actionable and can help support the ongoing design development. Through clear communications, we will also seek to build understanding about the scheme and its potential opportunities and impacts among relevant audiences.
- 4.2.2 The approach will be proportionate to the scheme, recognising the breadth of geography, the range of different infrastructure proposed and differing impacts of these, and the different communities and stakeholders along the scheme.
- 4.2.3 We will aim to achieve what is set out in paragraphs 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 by using the following principles:
 - Clear and understandable - Ensuring accessible information to a breadth of audiences and diverse communities, taking efforts to explain technical content in easy-to-understand ways.
 - Considerate - Understanding our audiences so we engage the appropriate people and ensure all activity is accessible to all, the community are the experts in the local area - listen and learn from their experience and knowledge.
 - Open and transparent - Being clear about what is open to influence in the scheme design and how comments will be considered.
 - Compliant – Meeting the relevant statutory requirements and guidance.
- 4.2.4 At the Phase Two Public Consultation, we will use a variety of methods so that information on the proposed scheme and access to the consultation materials is straightforward and allows stakeholders to engage with the consultation in a way that suits them.

- 4.2.5 Additionally, Section 5.7 outlines the approach we will take to promote the consultation to seldom heard groups, to seek to reach those who may find it more difficult to engage with consultations.

4.3 Who will be consulted?

- 4.3.1 The consultation process is open to anyone who may be interested in, or in any way feels that they are impacted by, the scheme. However, we will be directly contacting a range of stakeholder groups taking account of the potential impacts from the scheme.
- 4.3.2 We have sought to identify a broad range of stakeholders that may have an interest in the scheme, which has been informed by desk-based research, legislative requirements and engagement carried out to date.

Consultation zone

- 4.3.3 To help us determine the communities potentially affected or likely to be interested in the scheme, we have identified a consultation zone. As at our first consultation, this consultation zone has been developed to recognise that different elements of the scheme will likely bring different impacts, and the consultation zone will therefore use the following buffers around the scheme's preliminary order limits³:
- 1km buffer around new water treatment plant and water storage sites (at Minworth and the proposed new Galley Water Treatment Works near Great Brickhill)
 - 100m buffer around canal working areas (see 4.3.5), such as areas of bank raising, extending to 500m buffer around specific canal interventions (such as the Atherstone outfall location, new pumping stations, gravity bypasses, transfer locks)
 - 100m buffer either side of pipeline routes (between Minworth and Atherstone, and the Galley Water Treatment Works to the existing reservoir near Luton)
- 4.3.4 As far as possible, these buffers will be revised as needed to avoid severing streets or to align with existing boundaries.
- 4.3.5 The Preliminary Order Limits¹ include areas referred to as 'non-working areas' at various locations along the canals where no construction work or new infrastructure is anticipated. In these areas, no buffer will be applied but we will seek to identify businesses and other community assets along these areas of canal to contact (see Section 4.3.7).
- 4.3.6 We will send residential and business addresses (including residential moorings where data is available) a postcard to coincide with the launch of the Phase Two Public Consultation (see Section 5.1).

Reaching canal customers and users

- 4.3.7 We will use existing Trust channels to help publicise the consultation with existing canal customer and users. This will include:
- sending an email with information about the launch of the consultation to boaters with a registered mooring or home address along the route (boat license data)
 - sending an email with information about the launch of the consultation to boaters sighted along the route in a 12-month period ahead of the consultation.

³ The Preliminary Order Limits define the outer boundary within which it is currently envisaged all works, land acquisition and associated activities for the scheme will take place. They are therefore draft and may be subject to further change due to ongoing design development, surveys, stakeholder engagement and feedback from the Phase Two Public Consultation. Updated and final Order Limits will be published as part of the DCO application.

- adding information to the Trust's Boaters' Update, which is sent to existing Trust boaters registered to receive it.

Statutory consultees

- 4.3.8 At the same time as consulting with the local community, we will consult on the same information (including the PEIR) with those bodies prescribed under Section 42 of the Act, being:
- a. Persons as prescribed under Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Application: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009 (as amended) such as parish councils and statutory environmental bodies;*
 - b. Each local authority as defined under Section 43 of the Act, including unitary, county and district councils; and*
 - c. Those captured within one or more of the categories as set out under Section 44 of the Act, such as landowners, tenants or occupiers of land.*

Other interested groups

- 4.3.9 At the launch of consultation, we will also contact the elected representatives for the area identified within the consultation zone, including MPs and division/ward members at the relevant unitary, county and district councils.
- 4.3.10 We will also contact a range of other groups who may have an interest in the proposals. These groups have been identified by desk-based research or engagement to date. A list of these groups is included in Appendix A.

4.4 What will be consulted on?

- 4.4.1 We will welcome feedback on all aspects of the scheme including, but not limited to:
- The proposals for the new Advanced Water Treatment Plant at Minworth
 - The proposals for the new Galley Water Treatment Works and water storage
 - The proposals for new infrastructure and other work along the canal, including where optionality remains
 - The proposed route for the pipelines at the northern and southern ends of the scheme
 - The PEIR and proposed mitigations for anticipated impacts
 - Proposals for construction approach and timescales, and the proposed mitigations to reduce disruption on local communities

4.5 Consultation materials

- 4.5.1 We will publish consultation documents that are written in accessible language and make use of clear visuals, to help people understand the proposals. A number of technical reports will also be available for those wanting more detailed information.
- 4.5.2 The following documents will be available from the start of the Phase Two Public Consultation:
- Phase Two Public Consultation Brochure;
 - Consultation Feedback Form;
 - Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR);
 - PEIR Non-technical Summary (NTS);

- Scheme Development and Options Report;
- Draft Design Principles;
- Map Book;
- Phase One Public Consultation Report
- Approach to Social Value

4.5.3 This SoCC, outlining the approach to Phase Two Public Consultation, is also included in the suite of materials for information.

4.5.4 We will make all consultation materials (including the PEIR) available online via the scheme website free of charge. Printed copies of all the materials (including the PEIR) will also be available to view at the Consultation Events and copies of the consultation brochure and consultation feedback form will be available to take away (see Section 4.8). Printed copies of selected consultation materials (excluding the PEIR) will also be available for members of the public to inspect at document inspection points (see Section 4.6).

4.5.5 Hard copy consultation materials will also be made available upon request through the advertised channels. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may incur a reasonable copying charge. Printed copies of the brochure and feedback form are available free of charge on request. Printed copies of all other consultation documents are available on request, although there may be a charge for this up to £3,500.

4.5.6 Requests for alternative formats of consultation materials such as translations into other languages, large print or Braille will also be considered on a case-by-case basis and any accepted requests would not be expected to incur a charge.

4.6 Document inspection points

4.6.1 We are committed to providing an accessible approach to engagement and consultation on the scheme. To provide additional access to consultation materials, reference copies will be made available for members of the public to inspect at a range of local venues.

4.6.2 The document inspection points have been chosen as accessible locations with a range of opening hours. The document inspection points are outlined in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1 Document inspection points

Venue	Address	Opening times*
Coleshill Library & Info Centre	19a Parkfield Rd, Coleshill, B46 3LD	Monday: 09:30–16:00 Tuesday: 09:30–17:00 Wednesday: 09:30–17:00 Thursday: 09:30–13:00 Friday: 09:30–16:00 Saturday: 09:30–13:00 Sunday: Closed
Atherstone Library & Info Centre	Long St, Atherstone, CV9 1AX	Monday: 09:30–16:00 Tuesday: 09:30–17:00 Wednesday: 09:30–17:00 Thursday: 09:30–13:00 Friday: 09:30–16:00 Saturday: 09:30–13:00 Sunday: Closed
Bedworth Library	18 High St, Bedworth, CV12 8NF	Monday-Wednesday, Friday: 09:30–17:00

		Thursday: Closed Saturday: 09:30–14:30 Sunday: Closed
Rugby Library	Little Elborow St, Rugby CV21 3BZ	Monday: 09:00–17:30 Tuesday: 10:00–19:00 Wednesday–Friday: 09:00–17:30 Saturday: 09:00–16:00 Sunday: 12:00–16:00
Buckby Library & Hub	Station Rd, Long Buckby NN6 7QB	Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10:00–13:00, 14:00–16:30 Wednesday: 14:00–16:00 Thursday–Friday: 10:00–13:00, 14:00–16:30 Saturday: 10:00–12:30 Sunday: Closed
Daventry Library	The Abbey Market Square, Daventry, NN11 4XG	Monday–Friday: 09:00–18:00 Saturday: 09:00–17:00 Sunday: Closed
Towcester Library	The Forum, Towcester, NN12 6AD	Monday–Friday: 09:00–18:00 Saturday: 09:00–17:00 Sunday: Closed
Bletchley Library	Westfield Rd, Milton Keynes, MK2 2RA	Monday: Closed Tuesday–Friday: 10:00–17:00 Saturday: 10:00–13:00 Sunday: Closed
Leighton Buzzard Library	Lake St, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1RX	Monday: Closed Tuesday–Friday: 09:00–18:00 Saturday: 09:00–16:00 Sunday: Closed
Dunstable Library	The Dunstable Centre, Court Drive, Dunstable, LU5 4JD	Monday–Friday: 09:00–18:00 Saturday: 09:00–16:00 Sunday: 09:00–16:00

*Opening times were correct at the time of writing

- 4.6.3 Hard copies of the materials listed at 4.5.2 will be available to view at the document inspection points (except the PEIR). A poster advising how the full PEIR can be viewed using computers in the library will also be provided.

4.7 Scheme website

- 4.7.1 We will publish details about the Phase Two Public Consultation, including the dates and addresses of the in-person information events and details of the date, time and method of registering attendance for the online event, on the scheme website: www.guctransfer.co.uk
- 4.7.2 The consultation documents will be available to view and download free of charge and responses to the consultation can be made via the online feedback form on the website (full details of all methods in which the public and stakeholders can respond to the consultation can be found in Section 6).
- 4.7.3 An updated interactive map, showing the proposals being consulted on, will also be available at the Phase Two Public Consultation to help people explore the scheme digitally.

- 4.7.4 The online feedback form will be clearly available on the website (full details of how to respond to the consultation can be found in Section 6).

4.8 Information events

- 4.8.1 We will hold a series of events at locations across the three sections of the route so people can discuss the proposals with members of our team and ask any questions they might have. Recognising that people will want to engage in different ways, we will be holding events in three different formats.

Consultation events

- 4.8.2 These drop-in style events will be held in indoor community venues, with a wide range of topic specialists available. Consultation boards will be displayed at each event to provide information about the scheme, including maps and images. Printed copies of all consultation materials (including the PEIR) will be made available for people to inspect.
- 4.8.3 People will be able to provide written feedback at the consultation events, or take hardcopy feedback forms and other materials away to respond later.
- 4.8.4 The consultation events will be held across different days of the week, to allow flexibility for attendees to take part. The number, location and venues of these events have been selected based on the level of attendance from the first consultation events held in September and October 2024 and the proximity to the scheme.

Table 3-2 Consultation events

Location	Date and time
Atherstone St Mary's Church, Sheepy Road, Atherstone, CV9 1HJ	11am-3pm, Saturday 14 March
Curdworth Curdworth Village Hall, 70 Coleshill Road, Curdworth, B76 9HH	5pm-8pm, Friday 6 March
Hurley Hurley Village Hall, 41 Knowle Hill, Hurley, CV9 2JD	4pm-8pm, Wednesday 4 March
Mancetter Mancetter Memorial Hall, Old Farm Road, Atherstone, CV9 1QN	11am-3pm, Tuesday 17 March
Daventry Daventry Community Centre, Ashby Road, Daventry NN11 0QE	4pm-8pm, Friday 13 March
Great Brickhill Great Brickhill Community Centre, Rotten Row, Great Brickhill, MK17 9BA	11am-3pm, Saturday 7 March
Stanbridge / Tilsworth Stanbridge and Tilsworth Community Hall, Stanbridge Road, Tilsworth, LU7 9PN	4pm-8pm, Wednesday 11 March
Eaton Bray Eaton Bray Village Hall, Church Lane, Dunstable LU6 2DJ	4pm-8pm, Friday 20 March
Chaul End / Caddington Lyons Community Centre, 33a Mallard Crescent, Caddington, LU1 4FG	6pm-9pm, Tuesday 10 March

Pop-up events

- 4.8.5 These smaller events will be held in locations with high public footfall, with the aim of engaging people while they go about their daily routines. A display table with scheme

materials will be available, with copies of the Consultation Brochure and Feedback Form for people to take away and reference copies of the Phase One Public Consultation Report, PEIR NTS and Scheme Development and Options Report available to view. A printed copy of the PEIR will not be available but a digital copy will be.

- 4.8.6 People will be able to provide written feedback at the pop-up events, or take hardcopy feedback forms and other materials away to respond later.
- 4.8.7 At the first consultation, drop-in events were held outside on the canal side. Recognising the time of year and changeable weather for the Phase Two Public Consultation, we have identified indoor venues that offer the opportunity to set up outside should the weather allow.

Table 3-3 Pop-up events

Location	Date and time
Stoke Bruerne Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum, Bridge Road, Towcester, NN12 7SE	10.30am-1.30pm, Saturday 14 March
Hillmorton Waterside Pub, Crick Road, Rugby, CV21 4PW	12pm-3pm, Friday 13 March
Milton Keynes Electra Welcome Centre, Unit 7 Campbell Wharf Marina, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DW	10:30am-1:30pm, Thursday 19 March
Stoke Hammond Stoke Hammond Community Centre, Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond, MK17 9DB	5:30pm-8:30pm, Wednesday 18 March
Dunstable Downs Near Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Estate National Trust Car Park, Dunstable Road, LU6 2GY	10.30am-1.30pm, Thursday 5 March

Online event

- 4.8.8 The online event will include a presentation about the scheme summarising the proposals, the consultation process and how to respond. Attendees will be able to ask questions of the scheme team. Details will be provided within the presentation to advise people how they can provide feedback following the online event.
- 4.8.9 The event will be held via Microsoft Teams, with a public registration link available in advance, via consultation materials and the scheme website.

Table 3-4 Online event

Location	Date and time
MS Teams	6pm-7.30pm, Tuesday 24 March

Cancellations or changes

- 4.8.10 In the unlikely event of a booked venue becoming unavailable, or other unforeseen circumstances meaning the consultation events must be cancelled and/or rearranged, we will inform people as early as possible of the cancellation and, where possible, give details of a substitute event via the scheme's website. We will also notify relevant parish and town councils and request that they share this information with residents through their existing communication channels.

5. Publicising the consultation

- 5.1.1 We have identified a range of methods to publicise the Phase Two Public Consultation, which includes those methods required by Section 47 and 48 of the Act, and Section 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

5.1 Consultation postcard

- 5.1.2 We will send a consultation postcard (tailored to the northern, canal and southern sections of the scheme) to all residential and business addresses within the consultation zone. The postcard will describe the scheme proposals, explain how to take part in the consultation (including the closing date of the consultation) and where to find more information.

5.2 Email notifications

- 5.2.1 Elected representatives for the area identified within the consultation zone, including MPs and division/ward members at the relevant unitary, county and district councils and those organisations identified in Appendix A will be sent notification via email on the day the consultation launches. This email will include information about the scheme and details of how to take part in the consultation (including the closing date of the consultation) and where to find more information.
- 5.2.2 We will also email all those who have signed up for updates via the 'Keep in touch' form on the scheme website.

5.3 Statutory consultees

- 5.3.2 Consultees under sections 42, 43 and 44 of the Act will be sent a hard copy letter, enclosing a notice. This will notify the stakeholders of the consultation launch and provide details about how to view the consultation materials and how to provide feedback (including the closing date of the consultation).
- 5.3.3 As the project is EIA development, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 also require bodies consulted under section 42 to be provided a copy of the section 48 notice. This will be included as an insert in the hard copy mailing.

5.4 Poster and promotional information

- 5.4.1 We will send relevant parish and town council clerks information explaining how their communities can get involved in the consultation, and where to find further detail on the scheme, how to take part in the consultation, where public events are being held and the closing date for the consultation. This will include a digital copy of a promotional poster and a request to promote the consultation to the local community via their established communications channels. Posters will also be sent to these parish councils with the request that they display these in any local noticeboards in their parish.
- 5.4.2 Included in this will be pre-drafted content that may be useful for the parish and town councils to share with their parishes via their existing social media channels. Where relevant, we will also provide this to organisations and stakeholders who represent identified seldom heard groups (see Section 5.7) to promote via their own channels.

- 5.4.3 We will also send a hardcopy of the poster to community venues (e.g. libraries, supermarkets, schools) in the vicinity of the scheme – this list is included in Appendix B.

5.5 Statutory notices

- 5.5.1 We will place a combined statutory newspaper notice in line with Section 47 and 48(1) of the Act to publicise the proposed DCO application. It'll be published as follows:
- once in a national newspaper;
 - once in the London Gazette; and
 - for at least two successive weeks in *the Tamworth Herald, Coventry Telegraph, Rugby Advertiser, Daventry Express, Northampton Chronicle and Echo, MK Citizen, Leighton Buzzard Observer, Luton News and Dunstable Gazette*
- 5.5.2 We have carried out a review of circulation figures and local coverage to consider which local publications are most appropriate.
- 5.5.3 The statutory notices will include information on the scheme, details of the proposals and what documents will be available to view, where they can be inspected and the charge for printed documents. Information on the consultation launch, dates and addresses of the upcoming consultation events will be provided.
- 5.5.4 Information on how to provide feedback and the deadline for responding to the consultation will also be included in the notices, alongside the different communication channels available to contact the project team. A link to the scheme website will also be included in the notification.

5.6 Media

- 5.6.1 We will place adverts (additional to the statutory notices) in local newspapers along the route to promote the consultation and the events. Where applicable, this will include digital advertising on the newspaper's website.
- 5.6.2 We will also send a press release about the consultation to a wider range of local and industry media along the scheme. Appendix C includes the media outlets the press release will be sent to and supplemented by any additional organisations highlighted by the local authorities.

5.7 Seldom heard or hard to reach groups

- 5.7.1 To engage seldom heard or hard-to-reach-groups and promote the opportunity to take part in the Phase Two Public Consultation, we will prepare the consultation materials so that they are accessible and clear. We will focus on easy-to-understand language in community facing materials and, where possible, the use of clear visuals and mapping. Contact channels and staff members at public events will also be available to answer questions from members of the public.
- 5.7.2 Additionally, we have worked with the host local authorities to identify organisations which represent seldom heard or hard-to-reach groups in the vicinity of the scheme and considered these groups in development of the consultation approach.
- 5.7.3 At the launch of the consultation, the organisations will receive the information and poster outlined in Section 5.4.

- 5.7.4 We will consider any requests for consultation materials in alternative formats on a case-by-case basis.
- 5.7.5 A full list of the identified seldom heard groups is available in Appendix D.
- 5.7.6 Where possible, we have identified event venues that are accessible. The events have been scheduled across weekdays and weekends, in addition to varied hours to enable as many people to attend as possible. For anyone with specific additional requirements in relation to our consultation events, they are encouraged to email contact@guctransfer.co.uk or phone 0121 270 5920.

6. How to respond

6.1 Responding to the consultation

6.1.1 Anyone can respond to the consultation using the following channels:

- a. Online response form via www.guctransfer.co.uk
- b. Email to contact@guctransfer.co.uk
- c. Hardcopy feedback form, which can either be completed at an information event or returned via the freepost address
- d. Free text letter to Freepost GRAND UNION CANAL TRANSFER

6.1.2 All consultation responses must be made in writing unless transcription is needed. Comments made via phone calls will not be counted as official consultation responses unless there is a requirement for transcription due to accessibility considerations.

6.1.3 Contact with the project team during the Phase Two Public Consultation can be made via the channels outlined below. A member of the project team will aim to respond to the enquiry within five working days.

- a. Email to contact@guctransfer.co.uk;
- b. Phone: 0121 270 5920; or
- c. Postal address: Freepost GRAND UNION CANAL TRANSFER

7. Next Steps

7.1 Consideration of responses

- 7.1.1 We will carefully consider all responses received to the consultation and will have regard to them when finalising the scheme proposals to be included in the DCO application.
- 7.1.2 We will summarise the consultation responses in a Consultation Report (or a similar document, depending on the statutory requirements at the time of the DCO application), which will include a description of how we have taken the feedback received into consideration in developing our plans for the scheme, and any changes made since the Phase Two Public Consultation. The Consultation Report forms part of the DCO application which will be submitted to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate. The Consultation Report will be made available for people to review how their comments have fed into the process alongside the DCO application documents.

7.2 Additional consultation

- 7.2.1 Further ‘targeted consultation’ will be carried out where:
- an element of the scheme materially changes
 - a new, significant element which has not previously been consulted on identified
 - new land, the owners of which have not previously been contacted, would be affected
- 7.2.2 Any targeted consultation will be designed to be proportionate to the change or new element and the potential effects it may bring and undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the approach and methods set out in this SoCC. This would include:
- Making all the targeted consultation documents available online at guctransfer.co.uk
 - Defining a consultation zone using the same approach set out in Section 4.3, and directly contacting residential and business addresses within the consultation zone through a letter or consultation postcard
 - Further publicising the consultation through contact with the relevant parish or town council, elected representatives and other relevant stakeholders at the launch of the targeted consultation
 - Issuing a consultation poster to relevant community locations, and a press release to relevant local newspapers
 - Publishing notices of the consultation (if required) in the relevant local newspapers (as applicable to the location of the change)
 - Allowing a minimum period of 30 days for response
- 7.2.3 We will also consider additional consultation events if proportionate to the scale of the change or new element. We would hold any additional consultation events in community locations close to the proposed change, and where possible use venues that have been used at earlier stages of consultation. Details of any consultation events would be included in consultation materials as relevant.

7.3 GDPR and data privacy

- 7.4.1 We are committed to protecting your personal information. Affinity Water, Severn Trent and the Canal & River Trust are acting as joint data controllers for the Grand Union Canal Transfer.
- 7.4.2 This means that collectively we are 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.
- 7.4.3 Responses received may be included in the Consultation Report produced 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: www.guctransfer.co.uk/privacy-policy

Appendix A - non-statutory organisations to be contacted at consultation launch

Community group
Friends of Tiddenfoot Waterside Park
Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs (AWCC)
Longwood Boat Club
Craven Cruising Club
Byfleet Boat Club
Seamaster Club
Mercia Marina
Pewsey Wharf Boat Club
Lionhearts CC
Aylesbury Canal Society
Avon Navigation Trust
DBA - The Barge Association
Tamworth Cruising Club
Stafford Boat Club
Thorne Cruising Club
Stoke on Trent Boat Club
Blackthorn Lake Marina
National Association of Boat Owners (NABO)
Angling Trust
Roving Canal Traders Association
Cosgrove Marina
Cosgrove Narrowboat Company
The Galleon
Autotech MK
Permayne Sheltered Housing
The Parks Trust Milton Keynes
Giffard Park Housing Co-operative
Chrysalis Theatre
Age UK Milton Keynes
The Peartree Bridge Inn Stonehouse
Coventry Canal Society
Friends of Grand Union Canal (FoGUC)
Inland Waterways Association (IWA)
IWA – Warwickshire Branch
MK Canals

Railway and Canal Historical Society
Anker Valley Canoe Club
Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA)
Leighton Buzzard Ramblers
Lea and Icknield Ramblers
Leighton Buzzard Canoe Club
Leighton Buzzard Canal Society
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council communications and social team
North Warwickshire Borough Council communications team
Nuneaton and Bedworth Neighbourhood Watch
Hargreaves Narrowboat Trust
Warwickshire County Council Marketing

Appendix B - poster locations

Area	Type	Location
Atherstone	Club	Atherstone Sports Club, Ratcliffe Rd, Atherstone CV9 1LX
Atherstone	Club	Grove Sports & Social Club, Cooks Cl, Atherstone CV9 1ES
Atherstone	Library & Information Centre	Atherstone Library & Information Centre, Long St, Atherstone CV9 1AX
Atherstone	Leisure Centre	Atherstone Leisure Complex, Long St, Atherstone CV9 1AX
Atherstone	Supermarket	Aldi, 32 Station Street, Atherstone, CV9 1BU
Atherstone	Supermarket	Tesco Superstore, Atherstone, CV9 1BU
Atherstone	Post Office	Atherstone post office, 101-103 Long Street, Atherstone, CV9 1AB
Atherstone	Event venue	Owen Street Community Arts Centre, 42 Owen St, Atherstone, CV9 1DG
Bedworth	Library	Bedworth Library, 18 High St, Bedworth CV12 8NF
Bedworth	Library	Bulkington Community Library, School Rd, Bulkington, Bedworth CV12 9JB
Bedworth	School	St Michael's Church of England/Children's Centre, Hazel Grove, Bedworth, CV12 9DA
Bedworth	School	All Saints C of E Primary School, The Priors, Off Mitchell Road, Bedworth, CV12 9HP
Berkhamsted	Business near the canal	The Rising Sun, George Street, Berkhamsted HP4 2EG
Berkhamsted	Business near the canal	The Boat, Berkhamsted, near Bridge 142
Blisworth	Business near the canal	Blisworth Marina, Blisworth Arm, Northampton NN7 3ER
Braunston	Business near the canal	The Stop House, The Stop House, Braunston, Northants, NN11 7JQ
Braunston	Business near the canal	Braunston Marina, The Wharf, Braunston, Daventry NN11 7JH
Bugbrooke	Business near the canal	The Wharf Inn, 1 Wharf Lane, Bugbrooke, Northampton NN7 3QB
Bulbourne	Business near the canal	The Grand Junction Arms, Bulbourne, near Bridge 133
Caddington	Leisure centre	Caddington Sports and Social Club, Manor Rd, Caddington, Luton LU1 4HH
Caddington	Community centre	The Heathfield Centre, Hyde Rd, Caddington, Luton LU1 4HF
Caddington	Shop	Co-op, 9 Manor Rd, Caddington, Luton LU1 4EE
Caddington	Shop	Premier, 5 Manor Rd, Caddington, Luton LU1 4EE
Chaul End / Caddington	Event venue	Lyons Community Centre, 33a Mallard Crescent, Caddington, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 4FG
Chaul End	Club	Caddington Golf Club, Chaul End Road, Caddington, Luton, LU 4AX
Chaul End	Supermarket	Aldi, Laporte Retail Park, Dallow Road, Luton, LU1 1HL
Chaul End	Supermarket	Lidl, Chaul End Lane, Maidenhall, Luton, LU4 8EZ
Chaul End	Community Centre	Chaul End Community Centre, 515 Dunstable Road, Luton, LU4 8QN

Chaul End	Local shop	Bradley Store, 86 Bradley Road, Luton, LU4 8SW
Chaul End	Local shop	D&S Food & Wine, 85 Atherstone Road, Luton LU4 8QU
Chaul End	Supermarket	Tesco Extra, Skimpot Road, Dunstable, LU5 4JU
Coventry	Pub	Greyhound Inn Sutton Stop, Coventry, CV6 6DF
Curdworth	Place of worship	Parish Church of Saint Nicholas Curdworth, 10 Church Lane, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield, B76 9EY
Curdworth	Local shop	Kingsbury village stores, 76 Mill Crescent, Kingsbury, Tamworth, B78 2NW
Curdworth	Library	Water Orton Community Library, Mickle Meadow, Water Orton, Birmingham, B46 1SN
Curdworth	Post office	Post office, 33 Coleshill Road, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield, B76 9EX
Curdworth	Post office	Kingsbury post office, 2 Jubilee Court, Kingsbury, Tamworth, B78 2LL
Curdworth	Event venue	Curdworth Village Hall, 70 Coleshill Rd, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield B76 9HH
Daventry	Local shop/post office	Middlemore stores, 1 Hardwick Hall Way, Middlemore, Daventry, N11 8AQ
Daventry	Supermarket	Tesco, 15 New Street, Daventry, NN11 4BT
Daventry	Supermarket	Waitrose, 13 Bowen Square, Daventry, NN11 4DR
Daventry	Supermarket	ALDI, Sheaf Street, Daventry, NN11 4AB
Daventry	Library	Daventry Library, the Abbey Market Square, Daventry, N11 4XG
Daventry	Leisure Centre	Daventry Leisure Centre, Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 4FP
Daventry	Event venue	Daventry Community Centre, Ashby Road, Daventry NN11 0QE
Daventry	Business near the canal	Whilton Marina, Whilton Locks, Daventry NN11 2NH
Daventry	Business near the canal	Whilton Chandlery, Whilton Locks, Daventry NN11 2NH
Dunstable	Supermarket	Aldi, Church Street, Dunstable, LU5 4RP
Dunstable	Supermarket	Asda, Court Drive, Dunstable, LU5 4JD
Dunstable	Supermarket	Sainsburys, 2-8 Luton Road, Dunstable, LU5 4RF
Dunstable	Library	The Dunstable Centre, Dunstable Library, Dunstable, LU5 4JD
Dunstable	Community centre	Downside Community Centre, Suffolk Rd, Dunstable LU5 4ES
Dunstable	Cafe	National Trust - Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Estate, Whipsnade Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 2GY
Eaton Bray	Local shop	Nisa Local, 96 High Street, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, LU6 2DP
Eaton Bray	Event venue	Eaton Bray Village Hall, Church Lane, Eaton Bray, Dunstable LU6 2DJ
Eaton Bray	Tennis Club	Eaton Bray Tennis Club, School Ln, Eaton Bray, Dunstable LU6 2DT
Eaton Bray	Cricket Club	Eaton Bray Cricket Club, The Rye, Eaton Bray, Dunstable LU6 2BQ
Edlesborough	Local shop	Premier store, Summerleys, Edlesborough, Dunstable, LU6 2HH
Eggington	Village Hall	Eggington Village Hall – High Street, Eggington LU7 9QL
Eggington	Pub	Curry Garden & Horse Shoes – High Street, Eggington, Leighton Buzzard LU7 9PD

Fenny Stratford	Business near the canal	The Red Lion, 11 Lock View Ln, Fenny Stratford, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK1 1BY
Great Brickhill	Place of worship	St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Cl, Great Brickhill, Milton Keynes, MK17 9AE
Great Brickhill	Community centre/ event venue	Great Brickhill Parish Hall, Great Brickhill, Milton Keynes, MK17 9BA
Hanwell	Business near the canal	The Fox, Green Lane, Hanwell, London W7 2PJ
Harefield	Business near the canal	The Coy Carp, Coppermill Lane, Harefield UB9 6HZ
Hemel Hempstead	Business near the canal	The Three Horseshoes, Winkwell, Bourne End, Hemel Hempstead HP1 2RZ
Hemel Hempstead	Business near the canal	Apsley Marina, London Road, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9SE
Hemel Hempstead	Business near the canal	Apsley Lock Services, London Road, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9SE
Hockcliffe	Village Hall	Hockcliffe Village Hall – 42 White Horse Close, Hockcliffe LU7 9LT
Hockcliffe	Pub	The Queens Head, 2 The Ln, Tebworth, Leighton Buzzard LU7 9QB
Hurley	Local shop	Premier local, 5 High Street, Hurley, Atherstone, CV9 2NQ
Hurley	Post office	Hurley post office, 11 Knowle Hill, Hurley, Atherstone, CV9 2JE
Hurley	Place of worship	Church of the Resurrection, Heanley Lane, Hurley, Atherstone, CV9 2HY
Hurley	Leisure centre	Kingsbury Sports and Community Centre, Pear Tree Avenue, Kingsbury, Tamworth, B78 2LG
Hurley	Event venue	Hurley Village Hall, 41 Knowle Hill, Hurley, Atherstone CV9 2JD
Kensworth	Pub	The Farmer's Boy – 216 Common Road, Kensworth, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 2PJ
Kensworth	Pub	Kensworth Village Hall – Common Road, Dunstable LU6 3RJ
Kensworth	Shop	Kensworth Supermarket, 57 Common Road, LU6 3RH
Kings Langley	Business near the canal	The King's Head, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, Kings Langley WD4 8RE
Lapworth	Business near the canal	The Navigation Inn, Old Warwick Road, Lapworth, Solihull B94 6NA
Leighton Buzzard	Sports Club/event venue	Astral Park Sports and Community Centre, Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AY
Leighton Buzzard	Supermarket	ALDI, Unit 1, Grovebury Retail Park, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4EG
Leighton Buzzard	Supermarket	Morrisons, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1WS
Leighton Buzzard	Supermarket	Tesco, Vimy Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1ER
Leighton Buzzard	Supermarket	Waitrose, 9 Waterborne Walk, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DH
Leighton Buzzard	Leisure centre	Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 2AF
Leighton Buzzard	Library	Leighton Buzzard Library, Ground Flood Library Building, Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1RX
Leighton Buzzard	Community centre	Linslade Community Hall, Waterloo Rd, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2NR
Leighton Buzzard	Community centre	The Recreation Rooms, Mentmore Rd, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2NZ

Leighton Buzzard	Business near the canal	The Grove Lock Pub, The Grove Lock (pub), Grove, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 0QU
Leighton Buzzard	Business near the canal	Jandel Engineering Ltd., Grand Union House, Leighton Road, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1LA
Leighton Buzzard	Business near the canal	The Globe Inn, Leighton Buzzard, near Bridge 111 and 112
Leighton Buzzard	Business near the canal	The Grove Lock, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
Leighton Buzzard	Business near the canal	The Boat Shop, Mentmore Rd, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2AE
Milton Keynes	Business near the canal	Iron Trunk Aqueduct, Cosgrove, Milton Keynes MK19 7JR
Northampton	Business near the canal	Blisworth Tunnel, Blisworth Arm, Northampton NN7 3ER
Northampton	Business near the canal	Gayton Marina, Blisworth Arm, Northampton NN7 3ER
Northampton	Business near the canal	Blisworth Tunnel Shop, Blisworth Arm, Northampton NN7 3ER
Nuneaton	Community Centre	Nuneaton Town Hall, Coton Road, Nuneaton, CV11 5AA
Nuneaton	Museum	Nuneaton Museum & Art Gallery, Riversley Park, Coton Rd, Nuneaton CV11 5TU
Nuneaton	Library	Nuneaton Library, Church St, Nuneaton CV11 4DR
Nuneaton	School	St Thomas More School, Greenmoor Road, Nuneaton, CV10 7EX
Nuneaton	Pub	Anchor Inn, Mancetter Road, Hartshill, Nuneaton, CV10 0RT
Nuneaton	Infrastructure	Canal Bridges Coventry Road Canal Bridge, Nuneaton, Warwickshire
Nuneaton	Pub	Horseshoes Pub 2 Heath End Rd, Nuneaton, CV10 7JQ
Nuneaton	Infrastructure	Charity Dock Acacia Crescent, Nuneaton and Bedworth, CV12 9BZ, United Kingdom
Nuneaton	Landmark	Hawkesbury House, Hawkesbury Village, Nuneaton and Bedworth District, Warwickshire
Nuneaton	Allotment	Allotments Noticeboards Greenmoor Road Allotments, 95 Greenmoor Rd, Nuneaton, CV10 7EN
Rickmansworth	Business near the canal	The White Bear, Church Street, Rickmansworth WD3 1JB
Rugby	Business near the canal	The Waterside - Pub & Carvery, Crick Rd, Rugby CV21 4PW
Slapton	Place of worship	Holy Cross Church, Church Road, Slapton, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9BX
Slapton	Event venue	Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall, Church Road, Slapton, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9BX
Southall	Business near the canal	Uk Scarves, 4A Grand Union Enterprise Park, Southall UB2 4EX
Stanbridge	Community Hall	Stanbridge & Tilsworth Community Hall, Stanbridge Road, LU7 9PN
Stanbridge	Pub	The Five Bells, Station Road, Stanbridge, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 9JF
Stoke Bruerne	Business near the canal	The Canal Museum Stoke Bruerne, Bridge Rd, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester NN12 7SE
Stoke Bruerne	Business near the canal	The Boat Inn, Bridge Road, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester NN12 7SB
Stoke Bruerne	Business near the canal	Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum, Bridge Road, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester NN12 7SE

Stoke Hammond	Business near the canal	The Three Locks, Stoke Hammond, near Bridge 107
Studham	Pub	The Bell, Dunstable Road, LU6 2QG
Totternhoe	Pub	The Cross Keys, Castle Hill Road, LU6 2DA
Totternhoe	Pub	The Old Farm Inn, 16 Church Road, Totternhoe, Dunstable LU6 1RE
Totternhoe	Community Hall	Totternhoe Memorial Hall – 153 Castle Hill Road, Totternhoe LU6 1QH
Tilsworth	Pub	The Queens Head, 2 The Lane, LU7 2QB
Tilsworth	Pub	The Anchor, 1 Dunstable Road, Tilsworth, Bedfordshire, LU7 9PU
Tring	Business near the canal	The Grand Junction Arms, Bulbourne Road, Tring HP23 5QE
Tring	Business near the canal	The Angler's Retreat, Startops End, Marsworth, Tring HP23 4LJ
Tring	Business near the canal	Cowroast Marina, Cow Roast, Tring HP23 5RE
Tring	Business near the canal	Cowroast Chandlery, Cow Roast, Tring HP23 5RE
Tring	Business near the canal	Tring Reservoirs, Tring, Hertfordshire HP23 4LJ
Uxbridge	Business near the canal	The General Elliott, St John's Road, Uxbridge UB8 2UR
Uxbridge	Business near the canal	The Malt Shovel, Iver Lane, Cowley, Uxbridge UB8 2JE
Warwick	Business near the canal	Hatton Locks, Hatton, Warwick CV35 7JL
Weedon	Business near the canal	The Narrow Boat, Watling Street, Weedon, Northampton NN7 4RZ
Whipsnade	Pub	Old Hunters Lodge – The Cross Roads, Whipsnade, Dunstable, UK, Whipsnade, LU6 2LN
Whipsnade	Pub	The Bell – Dunstable Road, Studham LU6 2QG
West Drayton	Business near the canal	Willowtree Marina, Packet Boat Lane, West Drayton UB7 7TY
West Drayton	Business near the canal	Willowtree Marina Shop, Packet Boat Lane, West Drayton UB7 7TY

Appendix C - press release media outlets

Media outlet type	Name of outlet
Local media - Luton	Luton Today
Local media - Luton	Luton News Herland & Post
Local media - Leighton Buzzard	Leighton buzzard observer
Local media - Bedford	Bedford Today
Local media - Milton Keynes	MK Pulse magazine
Local media - Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes Citizen
Local media - Daventry	Daventry Express
Local media - Daventry	Northampton Chronicle & echo
Local media - Daventry	Northamptonshire Telegraph
Local media - Rugby	The Rugby Advertiser
Local media - Rugby	Warwickshire World
Local media - Rugby	Warwick Courier
Local media - Coventry	Coventry Observer
Local media - Coventry	Coventry Telegraph / Live
Local media - Birmingham	Birmingham Mail (print) / Live (digital)
Local media - Birmingham	Birmingham World (digital only)
Local media - Birmingham/ Wolverhampton	Express and Star
Local media - Atherstone	Atherstone Nub News
Industry specific media	Water Industry Journal
Industry specific media	Water magazine
Industry specific media	Science Daily
Industry specific media	Infrastructure intelligence
Industry specific media	Construction News
Industry specific media	The Planner
Industry specific media	Water Resources South East
Industry specific media	Nature Journal / Portfolio
Industry specific media	IEMA Newsletter
Industry specific media	Institute of Water Magazine
Industry specific media	Smart Water Magazine
Industry specific media	Chartered Institute of Water and Environmental Management
Industry specific media	New Civil Engineer
Industry specific media	Institute of Civil Engineers

Appendix D - seldom heard groups

Subcategory	Stakeholder
Homeless	Emmaus Coventry and Warwickshire
	Hope 4 Rugby
	Northampton Hope Centre
	Daventry Community Larder
	Milton Keynes Homelessness Partnership
	The Salvation Army - Leighton Buzzard
	Signposts Luton
	Signposts – Start Over Shelter (Emergency)
	Leighton Linslade Helpers
	Leighton Linslade Homeless Service (to be categorised as homeless groups)
	NOAH Enterprise (to be categorised as homeless groups)
Minority Ethnic Groups	Milton Keynes melting pot
	BAME hub UK
	Northamptonshire Black Communities together
	Tamarind centre Coventry
	EQulP Warwickshire
People with disabilities and/or mental health conditions or learning disabilities	Luton SENDIAS
	Leighton Buzzard mencap
	Milton Keynes SNAP
	Northampton mencap
	Independence for me Daventry
	New Directions
	Take a Break Warwickshire
	Enterprise club Coventry
	Coventry and Warwickshire Mind
	Time2Talk Daventry
Rural residents	NFU South
	NFU Midlands
	Bedfordshire Young Farmers
	Bucks YFC
	Oxfordshire Young Farmers
	Young Farmers Warwickshire
	Community Impacts Bucks
	Community First Oxfordshire
	Warwickshire Rural Community Council
	Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity

	The Greensand Trust
	South Bedfordshire Friends of the Earth
The elderly	Age Concern Luton
	Age UK Bedfordshire
	Age UK Milton Keynes
	Age UK Northamptonshire
	Age UK Coventry and Warwickshire
Travellers	The Roma project Coventry
	The Traveller movement
	Luton Roma Trust
	Friends, Families and Travellers
	Positive Youth Foundation Coventry
	Luton Irish Forum
	Gate Herts
	Northamptonshire Travellers Unit
	Milton Keynes City Council Ethnic minority achievement team
	Central Bedfordshire Council Gypsy & Traveller Engagement Officer
	Warwickshire County Council Gypsy and Traveller Team
	Buckinghamshire Council Gypsy, Roma & Traveller Education Team
Young people and young families	Young minds matter
	Groundwork Northamptonshire
	Youth network Milton Keynes
	Tokko Luton
LGBT People	Warwickshire Pride
	Proud Youth
	Aylesbury Vale LGBT Social Group
	LGBT Bucks
	QSpaceNorthants
	Youth Works Northamptonshire – LGBTQI+ Groups
	Northants Lesbian Society
	Q:Youth Bedford
	Q:Youth Milton Keynes
	LGBT Bedfordshire
People living in deprived areas	Community Impact Bucks
	Opportunity Bucks
	Helping Hands Community Project
	P3 Charity
	Doorway (Nuneaton)
	Warwickshire Social Fabric Fund

	Mind in Daventry (Northamptonshire Mind)
	Milton Keynes Community Foundation
	Woughton Community Hub (Coffee Hall)
	Children and Family Support Service (West Northants)
Allotment users/associations	Dunstable Allotments
	Daventry Allotment & Garden Association (DAGA)
	Windmill Hill Garden and Allotment Association (WHGAA)
	Broughton & Kemsley Crescent Allotment Association



Grand Union
Canal Transfer

Moving water together

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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