

Fw: Grand Union Canal Transfer – launch of public consultation

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To: Clerk@ (Shared) <clerk@atherstone-tc.gov.uk>

Good Afternoon

You may or may not be aware of this national infrastructure project which is to affect North Warwickshire – the transfer of water from Minworth to Atherstone via an underground pipe-line.

The promoters commenced formal consultation yesterday

The email below provides contact details as well as notification of public events – there are three planned in North Warwickshire.

There has already been a presentation to North Warwickshire Members and at that time, it was suggested that a joint Parish Council meeting be arranged, hosted by the Borough Council, such that the promoters could give a presentation. This would be in addition to those outlined below. This would however be for Parish Councillors only, and not be a Public Meeting.

We are looking for this to be on

MONDAY 21 OCTOBER at 1830 here in the Council House.

If you can confirm now that would be very helpful, but I will send around a reminder closer to the time

Many thanks



Jeff Brown

Head of Development Control
North Warwickshire Borough
Council

From: Grand Union Canal Transfer <contact@guctransfer.co.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 7:10 PM

To:

Subject: Grand Union Canal Transfer – launch of public consultation

Caution: Warning external email

Dear Jeff and Dorothy,

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

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
- Email: email your feedback to 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
Saturday 21 September	Consultation event	Atherstone Owen Street Community Arts Centre, Owen Street, Atherstone CV9 1DG 11am-3pm

Monday 23 September	Consultation event	Slapton Elizabeth Griffin Memorial Hall, Church Rd, Leighton Buzzard LU7 9BX 4pm-8pm
Tuesday 24 September	Consultation event	Eaton Bray Eaton Bray Methodist Church, Totternhoe Rd, Eaton Bray, Dunstable LU6 2BD 4pm-8pm
Wednesday 25 September	Consultation event	Chaul End Lyons Community Centre, 33a Mallard Cres, Caddington, Luton LU1 4FG 4pm-8pm
Friday 27 September	Consultation event	Curdworth Curdworth Village Hall, 70 Coleshill Rd, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield B76 9HH 4pm-8pm
Saturday 28 September	Consultation event	Daventry Daventry Community Centre, Ashby Rd, Daventry NN11 0QE 11am-3pm
Saturday 28 September	Pop-up	Fenny Stratford Junction Opposite side of the canal from the Red Lion, 11 Lock View Ln, Fenny Stratford, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK1 1BY 9.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 28 September	Pop-up	Grove Lock Opposite side of the canal from the Grove Lock, Grove, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 0QU 2.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 2 October	Consultation event	Hurley Hurley Village, 41 Knowle Hill, Hurley, Atherstone CV9 2JD 4pm-8pm
Thursday 3 October	Pop-up	Stoke Bruerne Lock Bypass Near the Canal Museum, Stoke Bruerne, Bridge Rd, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester NN12 7SE 10.30pm-1.30pm
Friday 4 October	Pop-up	Braunston Junction Near Union Canal Carriers, Dark Ln, Braunston, Daventry NN11 7HJ 10.30am-1.30pm
Friday 4 October	Consultation event	Leighton Buzzard Astral Park Community Centre, Johnson Dr, Leighton Buzzard LU7 4AY 4pm-8pm
Saturday 5 October	Consultation event	Great Brickhill Great Brickhill Community Centre, Rotten Row, Great Brickhill, Milton Keynes MK17 9BA 11pm-3pm
Saturday 5 October	Pop-up	Hawkesbury Junction Near the Hawkesbury Junction Pump House, opposite side of the canal from The Greyhound, Sutton Stop, Coventry CV6 6DF 9.30am-12.30pm

Saturday 5 October	Pop-up	Hillmorton Locks Opposite side of the canal from the Canalchef Cafe, Badseys Wharf, The Locks, Hillmorton, Rugby CV21 4PP 2.30pm-5.30pm
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Get in touch

If you 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, 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



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