

Wednesday 11 February 2026

Hello,

Severn Trent, Affinity Water, and the Canal & River Trust (the Trust) charity, who are the owner and navigation authority of the canals in England and Wales, are about to launch their Phase Two Public Consultation on shared plans for the Grand Union Canal Transfer. This is a vital new scheme to bring water from the Midlands to the Southeast, and will secure future drinking water supplies, protect the environment, ensure future water availability for canal navigation, and unlock investment in our communities.

We'd like your support in sharing the news about the second round of consultation to ensure as many people as possible are aware of the plans and have the opportunity to share their views.

Since our first consultation in Autumn 2024, we've considered all of the feedback we received to inform our proposals. We've continued our engineering and design work and environmental assessments and had ongoing discussions with landowners and other stakeholders, all of which has helped to shape the next stage of development for the scheme.

We've now reached the next important milestone where we can share our updated proposals and more details about the scheme. Our Phase Two Public Consultation will take place for seven weeks from **Wednesday 11 February to Thursday 2 April 2026**.

As a key point of contact for the community, we'd like to ask for your help in promoting the consultation. Alongside this letter we've sent you a poster which can be displayed to notify your community that the consultation is live, where they can find out more details, and how they can provide their feedback.

If you want to learn more about the proposals, the full suite of consultation materials will be available to view throughout the consultation on the scheme website. Details of document inspection points where you can view hard copies of selected consultation materials can also be found at <https://guctransfer.co.uk/>.

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** (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm). Alternatively, we'd be pleased to meet you at one of our in-person consultation events, details of which can also be found on our website.

Please do contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for reading this letter, and we hope that you'll feel able to share the news about our consultation. Let us know if you would like any support in doing so.

Kind regards

Grand Union Canal Transfer engagement team

Have your say on our updated proposals!



Grand Union
Canal Transfer
Moving water together

We want to hear your views on plans for a vital new scheme to bring water from the Midlands to the Southeast. The scheme will secure future drinking water supplies, protect the environment, ensure future water availability for canal navigation, and unlock investment in our communities, now and in the future.

Phase Two Public Consultation

Our second public consultation will take place from **Wednesday 11 February to Thursday 2 April 2026**



All feedback to this consultation must be received in writing by **11:59pm on Thursday 2 April 2026**.



Take part in the consultation, provide your comments and feedback on our plans:

- Online:** complete and submit a feedback form on our website: www.guctransfer.co.uk
- 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).

Have your say and find out more at one of our events

Consultation events

Larger community events where you can meet our technical experts, view large scale maps and provide your feedback

- Hurley Village Hall, Hurley**
 Wednesday 4 March, 4pm – 8pm
- Curdworth Village Hall, Curdworth**
 Friday 6 March, 5pm – 8pm
- Great Brickhill Community Centre, Great Brickhill**
 Saturday 7 March, 11am – 3pm
- Lyons Community Centre, Chaul End / Caddington**
 Tuesday 10 March, 6pm – 9pm
- Stanbridge and Tilsworth Community Hall, Stanbridge / Tilsworth**
 Wednesday 11 March, 4pm – 8pm
- Daventry Community Centre, Daventry**
 Friday 13 March, 4pm – 8pm
- St Mary's Church, Youth HQ Hall, Atherstone**
 Saturday 14 March, 11am – 3pm
- Mancetter Memorial Hall, Mancetter**
 Tuesday 17 March, 11am – 3pm
- Eaton Bray Village Hall, Eaton Bray**
 Friday 20 March, 4pm – 8pm

Pop-up events

Smaller events along the route where you can speak to our team and view our consultation brochure

- Dunstable Downs and Whipsnade Estate National Trust Car Park, Dunstable Downs**
 Thursday 5 March, 10:30am – 1:30pm
- Waterside Pub, Hillmorton**
 Friday 13 March, 12pm – 3pm
- Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum, Stoke Bruerne**
 Saturday 14 March, 10:30am – 1:30pm
- Stoke Hammond Community Centre, Stoke Hammond**
 Wednesday 18 March, 5:30pm – 8:30pm
- Electra Welcome Centre, Campbell Wharf Marina, MK**
 Thursday 19 March, 10:30am – 1:30pm

Online event

We're hosting an online presentation by members of our team followed by a Q&A session. Register to take part via www.guctransfer.co.uk

- Tuesday 24 March, 6pm – 7:30pm



Find out more

Visit our website at guctransfer.co.uk to access consultation materials, find locations to view hard copies, and subscribe to our mailing list.



Speak to the team

- 0121 270 5920, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (excluding bank holidays)
- contact@guctransfer.co.uk