

Notification

Closure of Grand Union Canal near Harefield Marina, Hillingdon; information for canal users, pedestrians, and cyclists

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High Speed Two (HS2) is the new high speed railway for Britain. This notification is to give you information on the upcoming closure of the Grand Union Canal (GUC), and alternating closure of the London Loop or towpath from February 2024. This closure will enable AlignJV to construct the Colne Valley Viaduct, which will cross the GUC in Hillingdon.

Information for canal boat users on GUC closure

On Thursday 1 February 2024, from 8am, we will close the canal and towpath in the morning and remove the existing waterpipe scaffold bridge by crane. Once this structure has been removed, we will begin the construction of the viaduct deck across the GUC using a large machine called a launching girder. This work will begin from the morning of Friday 2 February 2024 and is expected to take five weeks to complete. The canal will be closed to all boats at a point south of Harefield Marina.

Access to the marina will remain open but passage south towards Uxbridge will not be possible whilst construction takes place during the day and night. This is to ensure the safety of both users of the canal, pedestrians and construction workers. From mid-March we expect to be able to open the canal during the day for boats – closing only at nighttime – to ensure that canal movements are not limited out of normal stoppage season. Night closures will continue until early April 2024.

Information for canal boat users, pedestrians and cyclists on the towpath and London Loop closure

We will need to temporarily close either the towpath or the London Loop, where the track is currently diverted over the temporary pontoon, whilst we construct over the canal. We will only close one of these routes at any one time, and full advance signage will be provided to guide residents and visitors to the alternative path.

If you have a question about HS2 or our works, please contact our HS2 Helpdesk team on 08081 434 434 or email hs2enquiries@hs2.org.uk

Duration of works

From 8am Thursday 1 February to early April 2024

What to expect

Closure of the Grand Union Canal to all boats at the southern end of Harefield Marina and alternating closure of the canal towpath or London Loop during construction of the Colne Valley Viaduct over the canal

Removal of the waterpipe scaffold bridge over the canal

What we will do

Do all we can to minimise disruption and when the canal towpath is closed provide a fully signed diversion route

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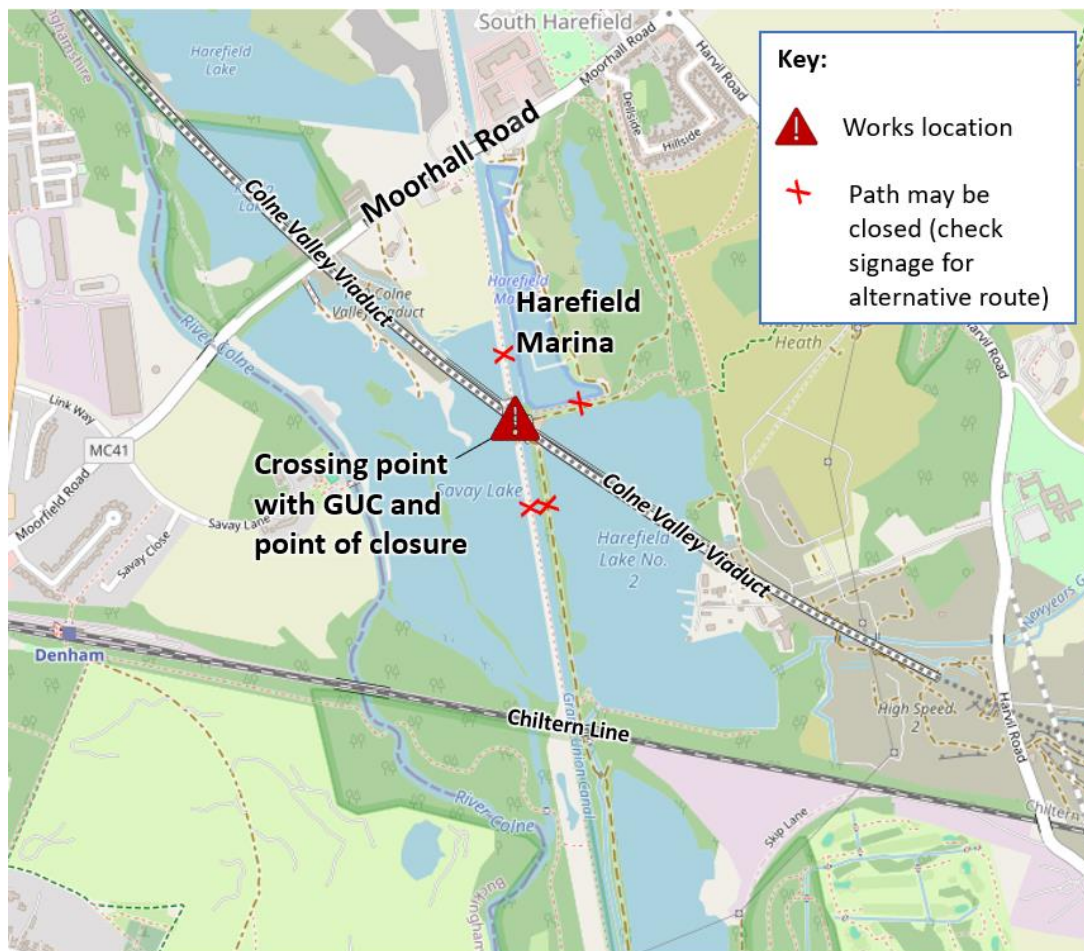
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Timescales

Works will start at 8am on Thursday 1 February 2024 with the closure of the Grand Union Canal and towpath for five weeks following by the reopening of the canal during daylight hours in mid-March, but there will be nighttime closures ongoing until April 2024. We will ensure stakeholders are kept updated, including users of the canal towpath and London Loop. All dates may be subject to change due to cold weather conditions.

Area of canal closure

Below is a map of where the launching girder for the Colne Valley Viaduct will cross the Grand Union Canal. Pedestrians and cyclists accessing the canal towpath and London Loop via Moorhall Road or Denham Country Park are advised to check signage at the access points to the north and south of the closure point for the latest information on towpath and footpath closures.



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Other closures on the Grand Union Canal

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Lock 88, Top Gate, Uxbridge

A stoppage will be in place at Uxbridge Lock 88 on the Grand Union Canal between Monday 29 January and Friday 1 March 2024. This is to replace the bottom end mitre gates and brickwork repairs.



Lock 76, Cassiobury Park

Lock 76 on the Grand Union Canal at Cassiobury Park, Watford, will be closed between Monday 12 February and Friday 23 February 2024 as the lining on the top gate of the lock needs to be refitted.



For further information go to <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/canals-and-rivers>

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Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping you informed about work on HS2. This includes ensuring you know what to expect and when to expect it, as well as how we can help you.

The Residents' Commissioner

The independent Residents' Commissioner oversees and monitors our commitments to you.

The commissioner's reports and our responses can be found at www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-ltd-residents-commissioner

The Residents' Commissioner makes sure we fulfil the commitments in the HS2 Community Engagement Strategy (<https://bit.ly/3oOA25j>).

The Residents' Commissioner can be contacted on: residentscommissioner@hs2.org.uk

Construction Commissioner

The independent Construction Commissioner regularly meets our Chief Executive Officer to raise any concerns or emerging trends across HS2.

The Construction Commissioner's role has been developed to monitor the way we manage and respond to construction complaints.

The commissioner mediates on disputes about construction, involving individuals and organisations, that we can't resolve. The commissioner advises members of the public about how to make a complaint about construction.

The Construction Commissioner can be contacted on: complaints@hs2-cc.org.uk

Property and compensation

You can find out about HS2 and properties along the route by visiting:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-property

Find out if you can claim compensation at:

www.gov.uk/claim-compensation-if-affected-by-hs2

Holding us to account

If you are unhappy for any reason you can make a complaint by contacting the HS2 Helpdesk. For more details on our complaints process, please visit:

www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/how-to-complain/

Contact us

Contact our HS2 Helpdesk team all day, every day of the year on:

 Freephone **08081 434 434**

 Minicom **08081 456 472**

 Email **HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk**

Write to:

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HS2 Community Engagement

Website **www.hs2.org.uk**

To keep up to date with what is happening in your local area, visit: **www.HS2inyourarea.co.uk**

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