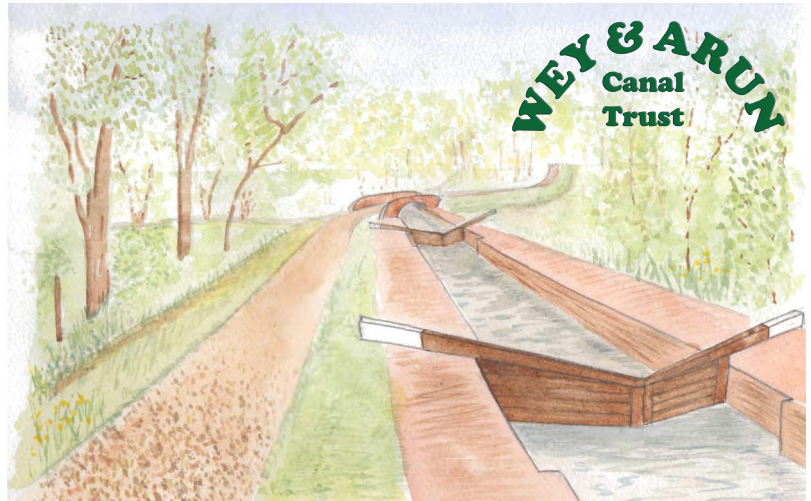


# Bramley Link Public Consultation

The Wey & Arun Canal Trust exists to reinstate London's Lost Route to the sea - a long-term project to reconnect London to the sea by inland waterway. The Bramley Link Phase 1 will begin to connect the Wey Navigation towards reinstated parts of the Wey & Arun Canal.

There will be approximately 1km (1,000 yards) of new canal from the Wey Navigation by the A281 bridge to a point near the historic aqueduct on Gosden Meadow by Tannery Lane.



What a new Tanglewood Lock may look like.

The works will include:

- An extension to the existing Hunt Nature Park
- New canal with a lock, a side pond and two new bridges
- A small canal basin for turning boats
- A flood relief channel bypassing the Gosden Aqueduct.

In dealing with the landscape:

- There will be new views of water and wildlife. Any canal engineering works will be screened, particularly from adjacent properties
- We will create a visual setting which enhances and protects the river and canal corridor.

New canalside trees, strategically placed new oaks, riverside copses and willows will screen poor views

- We will integrate the canal engineering works into the landscape using gentle gradients, planting and traditional materials
- We will improve recreational trails and open up sight-lines throughout the corridor
- There will be landing stages for canoes, bike racks for cyclists, seats and new paths for walkers
- We will provide a reserve for wildlife. The new fish pass on Gosden Meadow will improve connectivity of wildlife habitats, ponds will support amphibians, woodland will support badgers and otter holts, new trees along the canal will provide for bat navigation and the waterways will attract ducks, swans and other birdlife
- We will maintain and protect existing mature trees. Every tree has been surveyed, some unremarkable trees will be removed for necessary engineering work, exceptional trees will be retained and new trees established.

See the plans

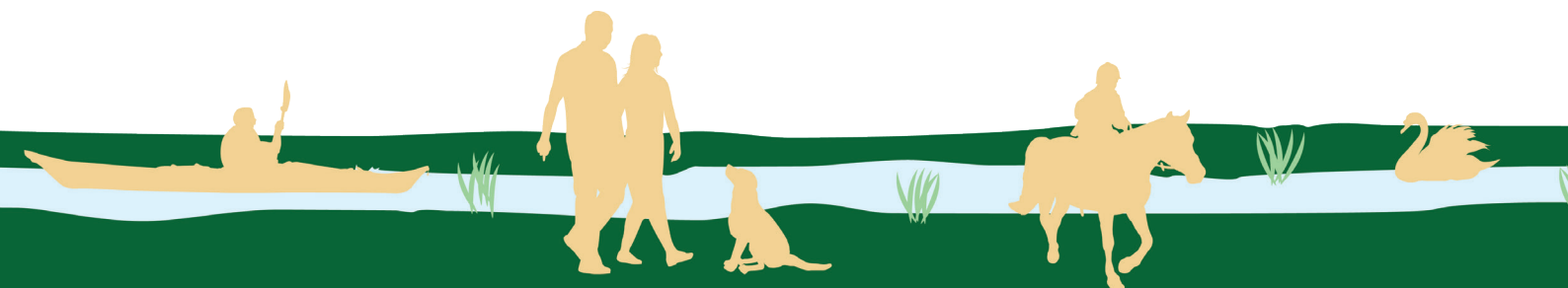
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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why are you taking down so many trees?**

We have designed the route of the canal and all the associated amenities (bridges, paths, ponds, fish pass and flood alleviation) to minimise the impact and avoid all trees which tree specialists have identified as having value to the landscape and environment. We will be planting additional trees, in agreement with the Local Authority Tree Officer.

### **What will happen to the Downs Link path?**

Keeping the Downs Link Path is a vital element of our plans. The path will remain open throughout the construction. It will be temporarily re-routed from time to time as construction work progresses, and when completed will be routed across the canal in two places. This re-routing will add further interest to the Downs Link.

### **What are you doing to encourage wildlife?**

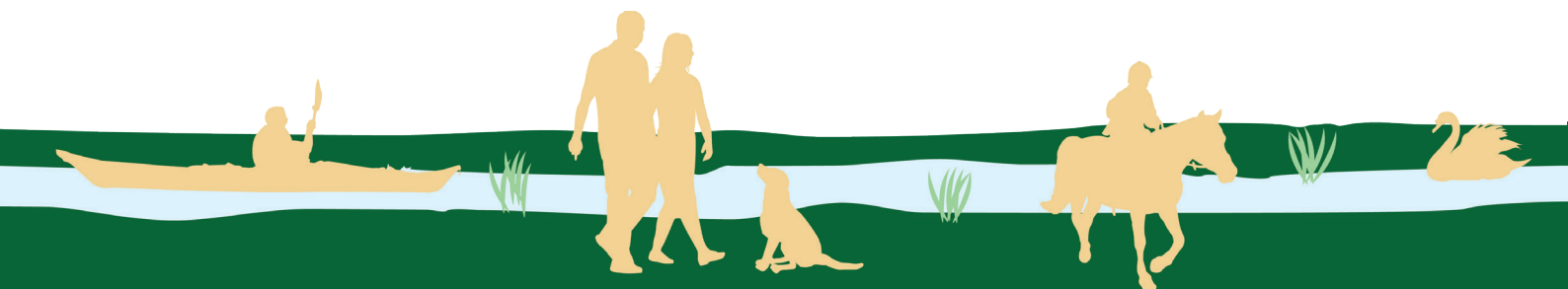
The provision of the waterway will increase the diversity of habitats and therefore encourage wildlife. The canal and its banks create a green corridor which again encourages wildlife. We will be adding a fish pass (this is a structure with artificial and natural barriers) to allow fish to migrate upstream past the Gosden weir and creating new ponds on nearby land as well as a new pond adjacent to Tanglewood Lock. We will replant native trees to reinforce the diversity of habitat.

### **Where are boats going to moor?**

There are existing facilities provided by the National Trust on the River Wey. There will be no overnight mooring anywhere, or any live aboard mooring.

### **How are you going to fit the Downs Link Path and canal safely under Tannery Lane Bridge?**

The bridge was originally built to take a twin-track railway and this offers enough width for the Downs Link Path and a narrow canal. The canal here will be only 5 metres wide. We will make provision alongside this for the height required for horse riders by lowering the path and will also provide waiting points for horses either side.



## **Why are the Trust wasting their time with this when the canal's never going to get through Bramley?**

The Trust has always reinstated individual sections of the canal as the opportunity arises. Were we not to do so the many miles now available as a public amenity would not have been restored.

## **The area is lovely as it is – why don't you leave nature alone?**

The Trust has an enviable reputation for improving the environment for walkers, horseriders and cyclists. In Hunt Nature Park we have opened up views by thinning out overgrown areas, we have kept wild areas untouched and planted hundreds of new native trees.

## **Do you have all the land needed to build it?**

We are in contact with neighbouring landowners and it is our practice to keep these discussions confidential.

## **Who is going to benefit?**

We strongly hope that everyone, residents and visitors alike, will benefit from the canalside walks, new vistas and landscapes and a greater range of flora and fauna.

## **What provision is to be made for canoeists?**

There will be launching facilities for canoeists at the lock.

## **How are you going to stop my property from flooding?**

The Environment Agency will not allow any work to take place in the flood plain which increases the risk of flooding. The Trust has extensively modelled the existing situation and the impact of the proposed works and is satisfied that in extreme events the flooding will be no worse and that at some intermediate flood levels the effects of flooding will be reduced for some properties.

## **What is going to happen to the aqueduct?**

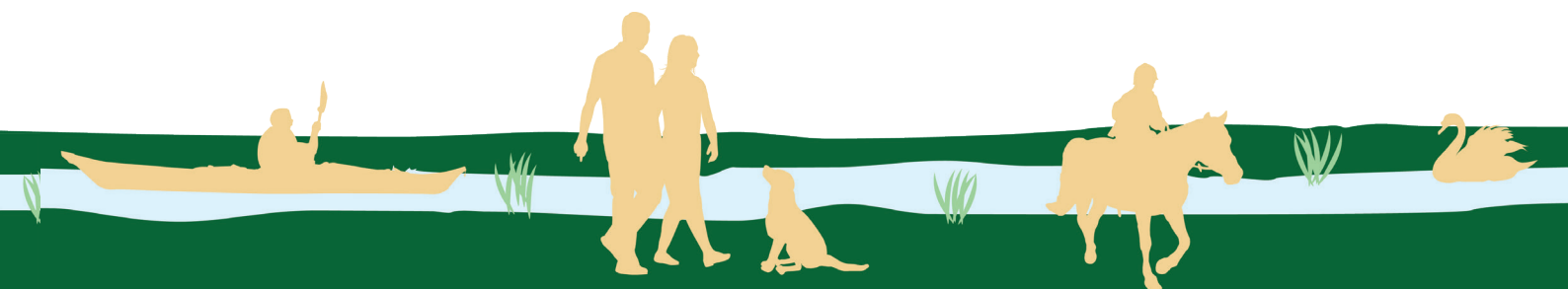
We plan to repair the aqueduct sensitively. A new flood relief channel which in normal times will operate as a fish pass will allow the aqueduct to be bypassed during intermediate flooding events.

## **When are you likely to start?**

We have to clear two hurdles before we can start. The first is to make a successful planning application, and the second is to raise sufficient funds for the project. Once work starts all the major construction works are expected to be completed well within one year, avoiding peak flood season.

## **What impact will the work have on any efforts to reinstate the railway?**

The most recent consultation has found that it would be too difficult and too expensive to consider at the moment.



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