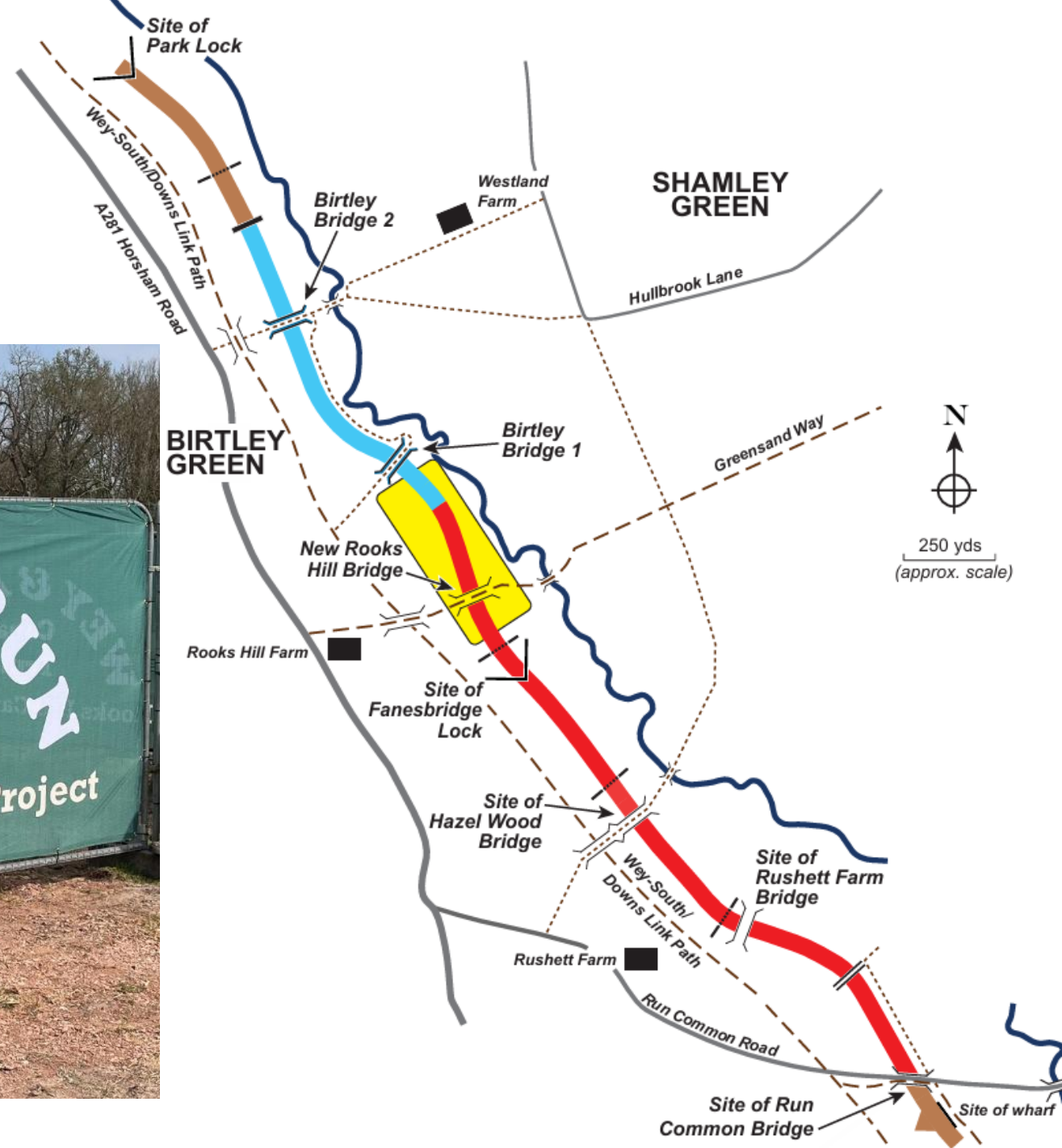


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Rooks Hill Project October update



Rooks Hill

- One of the Trust's priority areas
- Extends useable canal south from Birtley
- Forms part of a medium term project to provide multi-amenity facility from Birtley to Run Common
- Three phases - Phase 1 nearing completion, substantially funded by appeal/legacies
Phase 2 - Started June 2026. 80% CIL funded
- Phase 3. Detailed planning underway. Cil bid



Three phases

Phase 1:

- Bridleway brick faced concrete overbridge and approach ramps. **95% complete**
- 100m of bank retaining wall. **Completed**
- Overflow weir. **Completed**
- West bank & nature pond. **90% complete**
- Repair Fanesbridge culvert. **Completed**













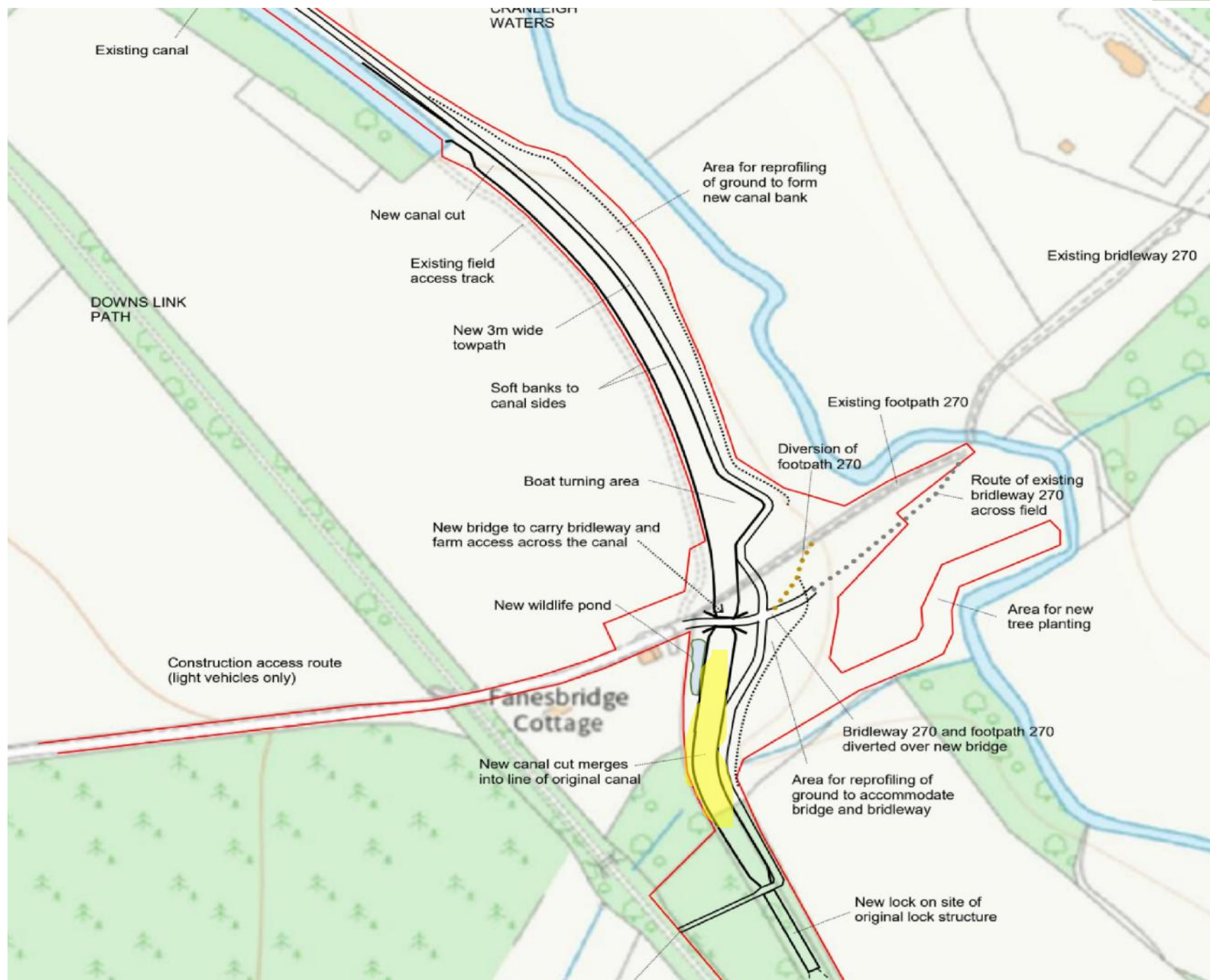








The waterway bank retaining wall and overflow weir











The Culvert









The West Bank waterway wall

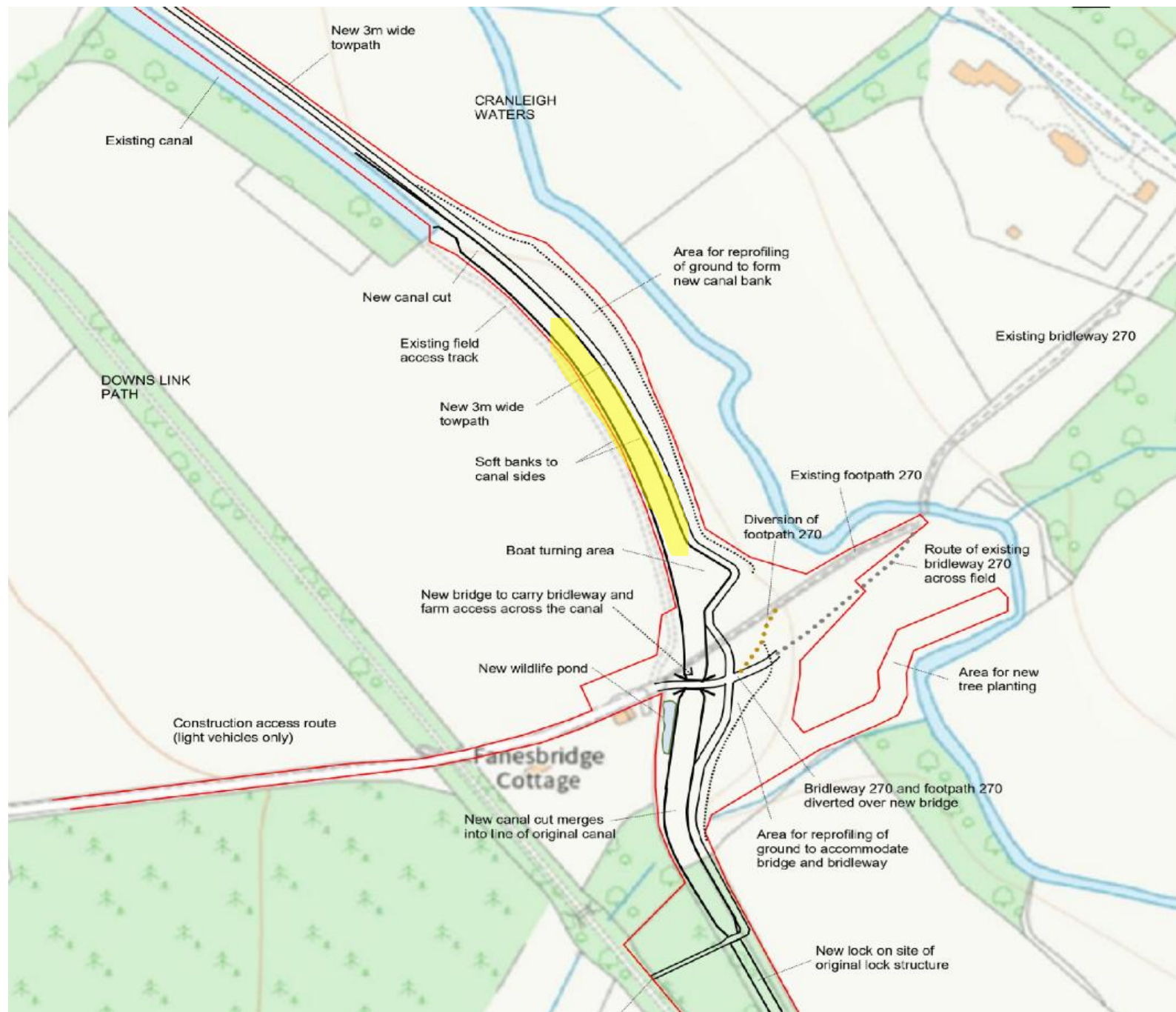






Phase 2 - 2026/2027

- 300 metres of newly dug canal north from bridge
- Soft banks with coir rolls on gabions planted to enhance ecology
- Narrows section to link to existing canal
- New hedge and tree planting (much on Phase 1)
- 3 metre wide permissive footpath from Birtley to the Greensand Way



Phase 2 Current status

- Work commenced June 2026
- CIL grant - 80% funded
- 100m of new bank and cut built
- 200m to complete including connection to Birtley and winding hole
- Off-site removal of spoil funded but so far not needed























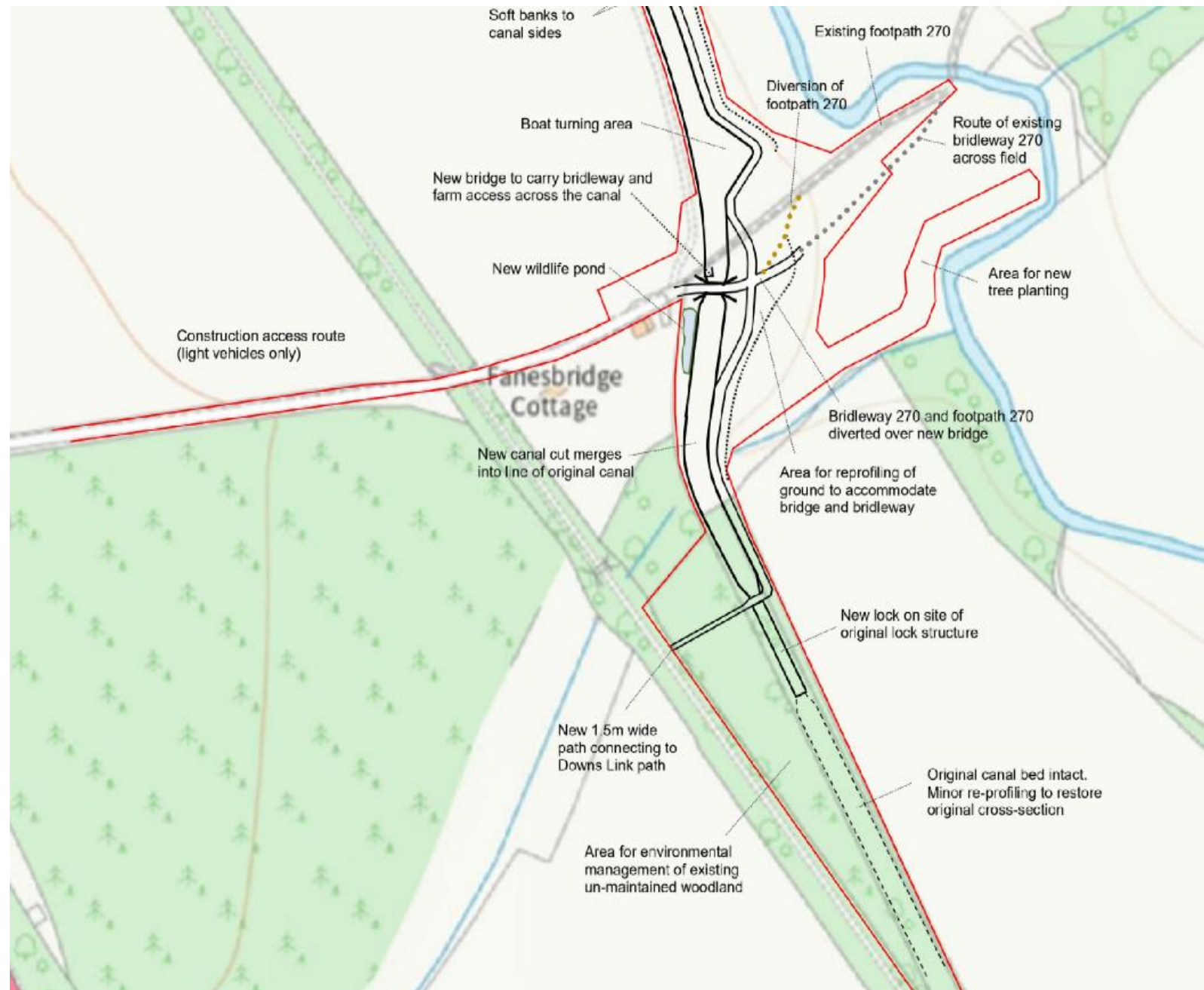


Phase 2 Timetable 2026

- Work started June
- 2 weeks WRG July summer camps complete 75m of bank.
- Work will continue north as weather permits through winter then,
- Compound to move to allow completion of bridge training walls, excavation of remaining canal section and winding hole. Target June 2027

Phase 3 - 2027 +

- Fanesbridge Lock - planning permission granted
- Tree work completed
- Phase 1 Waterway wall work extended to lock in 2026?
- Start lock in 2027?







The End