

## **Briefing Note - Consultation for Huddersfield Narrow Canal - 13<sup>th</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

There are plans to improve a stretch of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal towpath, approximately 4.6km between Longroyd Lane in Huddersfield and Low Westwood Lane opposite Titanic Mills.

The improvements are an element of the Canals project, a programme of works across West Yorkshire being delivered as part of the second phase of CityConnect, in partnership with the Canal and River Trust.

Public consultation for this scheme will take place for four weeks. Local people will be invited to give their feedback on proposals which will include improvements such as;

- Resurfacing – using a combination of bound surface and self-binding aggregate to improve poor drainage and water erosion. This will result in a path which will allow people to use it all year round.
- Widening the towpath – where possible the width of the towpath will be increased to allow people to pass comfortably.
- Cobbles – the cobbles around locks and bridges are a heritage feature of this unique trans-Pennine route, at some locations where they have become uneven or worn they will be re-laid and re-pointed to make towpath more accessible.
- Improved Signage – a bespoke suite of signage will be created for the canal. It aims to promote positive user behaviours and warn of areas where extra care is needed.

Upgrades to the towpath will provide local communities with a convenient option to travel away from the roads for utility, employment or leisure. CityConnect is committed to improving cycling routes around West Yorkshire and is working towards the vision of West Yorkshire being recognised as a great region for cycling.

During the consultation there will be three public consultation events; people are invited to come and view the plans, meet the CityConnect Team and the Canal and River Trust designers and leave their feedback.

For the first time there will be a live Twitter consultation [@CityConnect1](#). People are invited to join in and give their views. The CityConnect team and designers from the Canal and River Trust will be online to answer questions.

**Consultation events;** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February Handmade Bakery, Slaithwaite 4-7:30 pm; Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March Crosland Moor Community Centre 4-7:30pm; Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March Huddersfield Packhorse Shopping Centre 10am -2 pm

The public will also be able to comment on the proposals via;

- **The interactive website** displays more information and a map of the proposals, comments can then be left directly on these maps. Visit; [www.cyclecityconnect.co.uk/projects/huddersfield-narrow-canal-improvements/](http://www.cyclecityconnect.co.uk/projects/huddersfield-narrow-canal-improvements/) for further information.
- **Email:** [cityconnect@westyorks-ca.gov.uk](mailto:cityconnect@westyorks-ca.gov.uk)
- **Writing to:** CityConnect Team, Wellington House, 40 – 50 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 2DE.

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