

February 2022

Canada Dock

Information on preparatory works in advance of Canada Dock improvements

Following Southwark Council's recent approval of our plans to make improvements to Canada Dock, we intend to carry out the following preparatory works over the next couple of months:

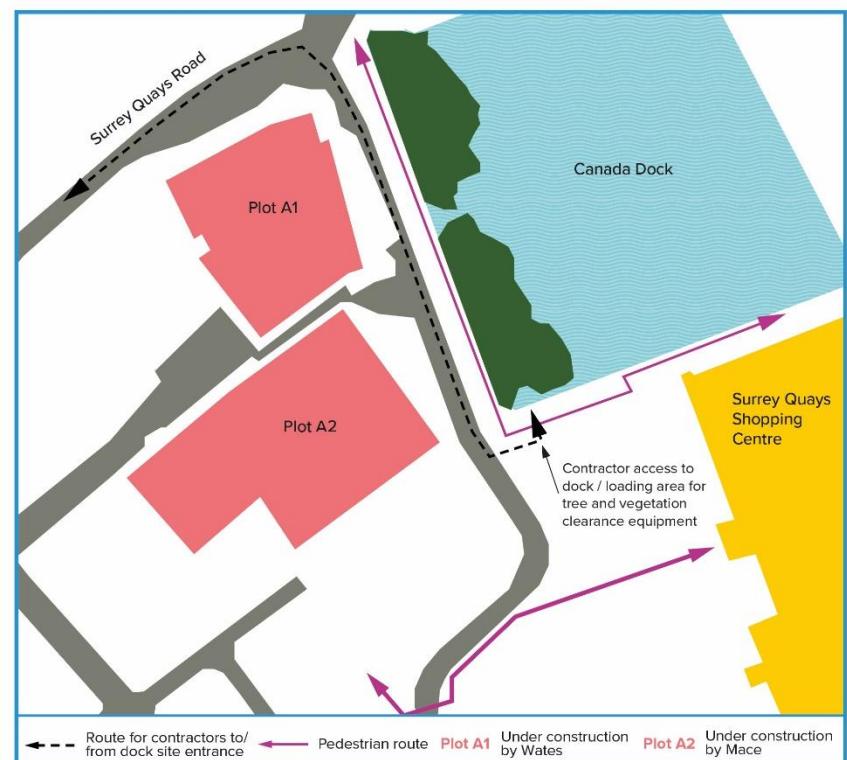
- **Tree/vegetation clearance (February)**
- **Ground condition surveys and water level monitoring (March / April)**

This activity will inform the construction of a new wetland habitat, a new 170m long boardwalk and new seating and steps along the southern edge of the dock leading down to the water.

Tree/vegetation clearance

Clearance works will take two weeks to complete and involve the removal of all trees, shrubs and vegetation to ground level along the western and southern edges of the dock. The clearance will be carried out in stages, beginning at the southern end of the dock. Once the first area is cleared, the team will move onto the next, as work progresses toward the northern boundary of the dock.

These works have been carefully timed to avoid bird nesting season. We continue to work with nature conservation specialists, the London Wildlife Trust, who have provided valuable input on how to mitigate long term disturbance to wildlife such as the provision of alternative habitats for swans and other birds who visit the dock.



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We will put various measures in place to mitigate the ecological impact of the tree/ vegetation clearance including:

- installing nesting and feeding platforms with windbreaks and steps for cygnets
- refurbishing and relocating the three existing bird shelters
- relocating the existing floating plant beds from the southern edge
- harvesting healthy reed bed and replanting on floating platforms in order to grow and retain existing reedbed stock.

Ground condition surveys and water level monitoring

This investigative survey work is expected to take place in March and April 2022 and will take around five weeks to complete. Gathering further environmental information will help us better understand the natural conditions so that we can preserve and enhance the dock for all users.

Works include:

- drilling eight boreholes in specific locations across the dock, some of which will need to be constructed over water via use of a mobile pontoon
- installing standpipes in four of the boreholes for groundwater and gas monitoring which will enable samples to be taken for lab testing
- digging seven shallow trial pits with samples taken for lab testing
- carrying out water level monitoring in four locations along the eastern edge of the dock.

The Deal Porters Statue located within the dock will remain and will be protected from the clearance and site investigation activities taking place nearby.

The pedestrian walkways alongside the dock will remain unaffected whilst these initial works are carried out, as will the operation of Surrey Docks Angling Club.

As shown on the illustrative graphic overleaf, contractors will access the dock via Surrey Quays Road and Deal Porters Way. Vehicles travelling to/from the site will be carefully managed to minimise congestion.

We do not expect that any road closures or diversions of the public highway will be needed as part of these works.

Working hours:

Contractors will be working standard construction hours:

- Monday – Friday, 8am-6pm
- Saturday, 8am-2pm (no noisy works before 9am).

When work outside of standard hours is needed, for example to accommodate delivery of large machinery, this will be agreed with Southwark Council and communicated in advance via our website.

For more information on works being undertaken across the wider Canada Water development, visit our website. If you have any questions about the activities outlined in this information sheet, please contact us using the details below. Further details will be published on our website when available.