

NAVIGATION ADVISORY NOTICE

RIVER GREAT OUSE

DATE: 27 November 2024 – 20 December 2024

LOCATION: River Great Ouse near to Black Cat Roundabout
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DETAILS:

Issue: Reduced channel width to enable scour protection works to piers for A421 new dual carriageway viaduct.

Impact on navigation restriction in obstruction area: 50% whilst work is in progress on either side of river

Report: Effective dates 27 November 2024 – 20 December 2024 (conditions permitting). Please see below information from National Highways relating to Scour Protection works for the for details

Care: Please take care in the vicinity of the work site, look after yourselves and your vessels. If necessary, please follow any instructions given by the workforce to ensure everybody's safety.

Next Update planned: 23 December 2024 (see our website www.visitanglianwaterways.org for the latest updates)

For further information, please contact the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday and ask for the Great Ouse Waterways team.

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Waterways Manager
12 November 2024



WORKS NOTIFICATION

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A428 Black Cat to Caxton
Gibbet improvement scheme

Construction Update

River Great Ouse, near to Black Cat roundabout

Wednesday 27 November to Friday 20 December 2024

What is happening?

We are writing to let you know of upcoming scour protection works on the River Great Ouse from **Wednesday 27 November to Friday 20 December 2024**. Scour protection is where works are undertaken to prevent the soil and rock from eroding around the viaduct. This work will take place in two phases with the river remaining open for its users;



- **Phase 1** will take place on the East Bank of the River Great Ouse from Wednesday 27 to Friday 6 December. All river traffic is to pass wide towards the west bank.
- **Phase 2** will take place on the West Bank of the River Great Ouse from Monday 9 to Friday 20 December. All river traffic is to pass wide towards the east bank.

How will this affect me?

While these works are taking place, we will restrict access to approximately 50% of the river. During Each phase signage will be installed 100 metres either side of the work area highlighting which side for the river traffic to pass. Marker buoys will be in place in the channel demarcating the exclusion zone, inside of which will have a demarcated silt curtain.



This activity at times may be noisy, and we would like to apologise in advance for any disturbance caused. We will do our best to complete these works as quickly as possible, however all dates are subject to change due to weather, operational requirements and river flows.

Under no circumstance is the construction area to be entered, please follow all advice given by the construction team to ensure everyone's safety.

Our ref: A428-RGOViaduct-20112024



Location of works

Phase 1 – East Bank



Phase 2 – West Bank



What is proposed for the River Great Ouse?

Our plans are to upgrade the route between the Black Cat roundabout and Caxton Gibbet. A new viaduct will carry the new 10-mile dual carriageway over the River Great Ouse.

The impressive structure will play a key role in ensuring safe and uninterrupted travel over one of the region's key waterways, significantly enhancing your journey experience.

The viaduct is one of the schemes structures that will be built away from the existing road network, but we'll be keeping you up to date with construction progress. Drivers will experience travelling across the new viaduct once the dual carriageway opens to traffic in spring 2027.

For more information, head to <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet/about-the-scheme/>

Keeping you updated

If you'd like more information about this work, then please feel free to contact us by calling the 24/7 National Highways Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000.

Alternatively, you can email us email on info@a428.co.uk or visit our website at www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a428 where you can sign up for future works information.

