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Willesden and Kensal Green Connection project

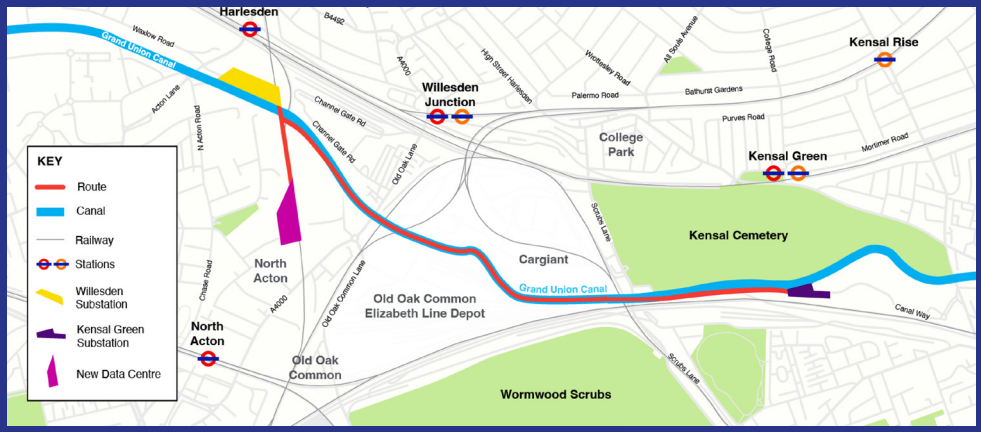
Notice of Diversions

Sections of the towpath will need to be closed during the second half of 2025 to enable our engineers to work safely and efficiently along the canal. During these closures, there will be no end-to-end access along the towpath meaning pedestrians and cyclists will need to follow diversion routes.

You can find information on our planned diversion routes below.

	Closure Period *This is an outline of the timings; however, they are subject to change.	Diversion Route
1	Monday 14 July - Sunday 3 August 2025	Scrubs Lane to Ladbroke Grove Road
2	Monday 4 August - Sunday 5 October 2025	Old Oak Lane to Scrubs Lane
3	Monday 6 October - Sunday 26 October 2025	Barratts Green Road to Old Oak Lane

Please note, there will be no step-free access between Scrubs Lane and the towpath from Monday 14 July to Sunday 5 October. If you require step-free access between Old Oak Lane and Ladbroke Grove Road during this period, please see the additional diversion on our website.



Map showing route of works

Project information

The project will create a new connection for a data centre in the Park Royal area, near the Grand Union Canal, between the Willesden and Kensal Green substations. It involves replacing cables along the canal towpath using the existing high voltage cable troughs.

Our programme is divided into two phases. The first phase took place between May 2024 and May 2025, which involved removing existing cables. In July 2025, we will begin to conduct a second phase of works to commission and install the new cables. This work is estimated to be completed in winter 2025.

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