

Notice to Mariners

Navigation Closure at Mutford Lock, due to urgent repair works

Update 16th April 2025 – Temporary arrangements have been made to enable the road bridge to be operated on a limited basis over the Easter and Mayday Bank Holiday weekends. Lifts are scheduled to take place on the following days/times:

- Saturday 19th April at 10.00, 12.00, & 14.00
- Monday 21st April at 10.00, 12.00, & 14.00
- Saturday 3rd May at 10.00, 12.00, & 14.00
- Monday 5th May at 10.00, 12.00, & 14.00

Any passage that requires a bridge lift on these four days must be pre-booked (Oulton Broad Yacht Station, 01502 527946) and will be allocated on a first-come/first-served basis.

Update March 2025 - We are very pleased to announce that the project to lift out and repair the lock gates at Mutford Lock has been a success and the navigation through the Lock can now be partially re-opened. The project finished 9 days ahead of schedule. The penstock valves have been replaced and repairs to some of the timber planking has also taken place. We thank you for your patience during the navigation closure.

Unfortunately, due to a mechanical fault, the road bridge is unable to lift at present. Suffolk County Council are working to carry out the repairs as quickly as possible and an update will be provided in due course.

This means that the navigation through the Lock will be restricted to smaller vessels who are able to navigate under the road bridge. However, if you wish to transit the Lock, we advise contacting the Oulton Broad Yacht Station (01502 531778) and they may be able to accommodate a larger vessel depending on the Lowestoft tides and the size of the vessel. The Yacht Station team will be increasing their working times to the summer opening hours (08:00 – 17:00 hours) earlier than planned to accommodate the restrictions in place. Booking is essential for all transits through the Lock.

Notice is hereby given that the Broads Authority will be undertaking major repair works, from **Wednesday 12th February 2025 to Friday 28th March 2025**. The site is located at TM 52091 92807. The repair works will include the use of a crane to lift some of the Lock gates out of the water.

Note: during the above period, passage through the Lock will **be closed**.

Please ensure that these works are taken into consideration for passage planning and when navigating in this area.

Signage will be in place to warn of restriction and delays.

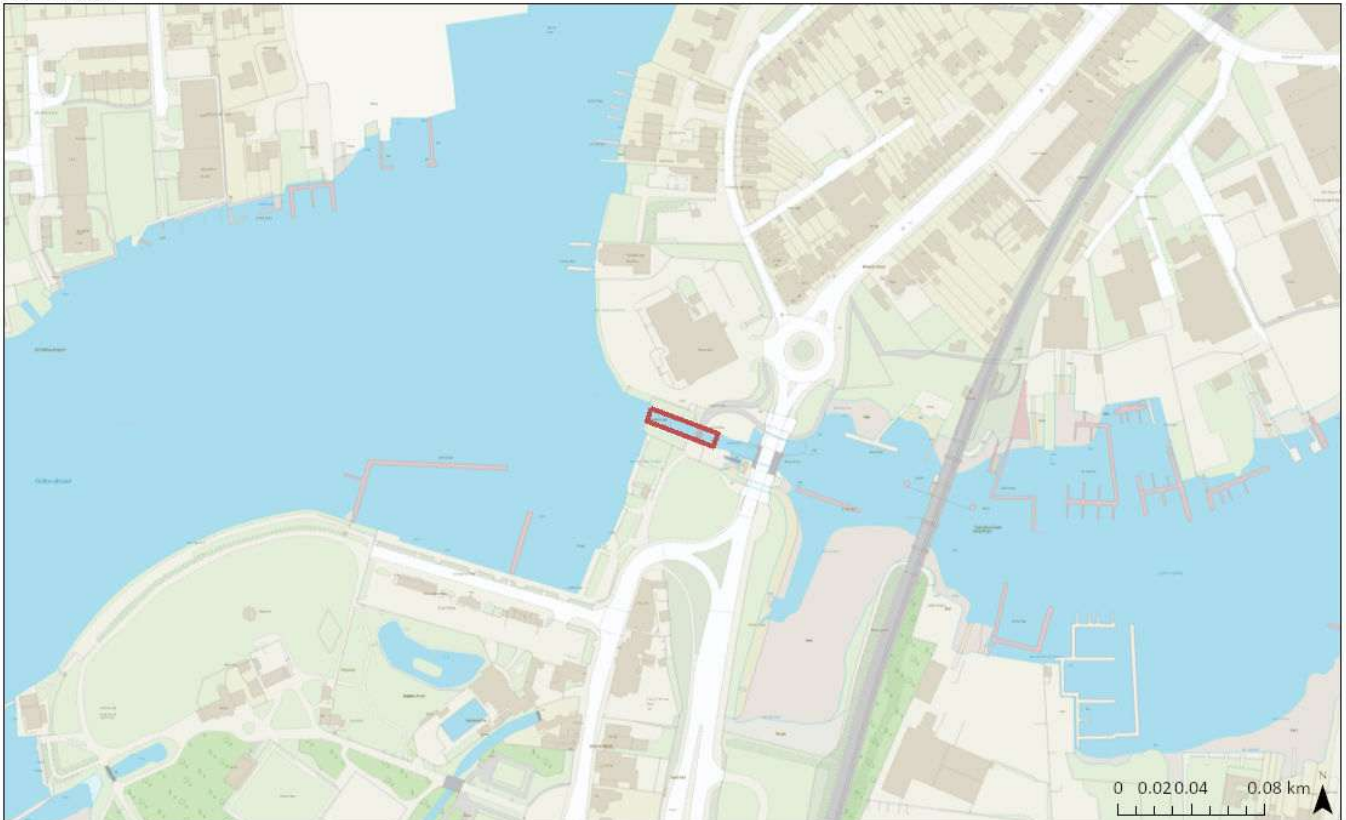
Please contact the Broads Authority, Yare House, 62-64 Thorpe Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 1RY Tel (01603) 610734 if additional information is required.

Waterways Project Officer

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Mutford Lock

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