

Upper Medway Navigation

Delays to works at East Farleigh Lock - Update 3 23 June 2017

We would like to inform boaters that we have re-commenced all construction activities on the site and we plan to re-open East Farleigh Lock to the public on the 21st July. We have issued a revised Notice to Mariners to confirm this.

We can confirm that four Grey Wagtails successfully fledged from the nest located in the lock structure and we have now re-commenced all construction activities on the site.

We are now on programme to open the lock to the public on the 21st July, as per the earliest date of opening advised in the previous newsletter. There are further works to complete after this date, such as the landscaping and reinstatement works, but these will not impact on the opening of the lock to the public.



Progress since last newsletter

Since the last newsletter we have made good progress at the site. The head lock gates are now installed and are being tested and commissioned, the concrete slabs along the top of the lock structure are almost complete and we are currently installing the metal work for the staircases and ladders. The tail lock gate stabilisation works are complete and we have finished casting the concrete that the gates will fit into. We are transporting the lock gates from Allington Lock to East Farleigh in the week commencing 26 June and will begin fitting them shortly after. The new site boundary wall is almost complete and the fish pass is now fully operational.

Next steps

We understand the impacts that the delay to the re-opening of East Farleigh Lock is currently having on the boating community and apologise for the ongoing inconvenience.

We are working extremely hard to re-open East Farleigh Lock as soon as we are able to do so.

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