

## Swan Draw Dock Flood Wall Repair Monthly Newsletter

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### Welcome!



Welcome to the Swan Draw Dock monthly newsletter. Please forward this to anyone who may be interested.

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<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/hnl/swan-draw-dock/>  
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### Highlights

- Shops and local businesses all remain open as usual.
- The footbridge over Swan Draw Dock remains closed by Hammersmith and Fulham council due to health and safety reasons.
- The Northern wall has now been deconstructed to gain access to the dock.

### Site progress

#### Northern Wall:

- Removal of the Northern Headwall is complete. This includes disconnecting the power supply to the lighting and relocating the gate access control point. The apron stones, coping stones, and the "Carrara Wharf" marble sign have been removed and safely stored.

#### Weir Wall Temporary Works:

- A temporary weir plate has been installed onto the existing weir.
- The dock has been dewatered, and a fish rescue has been undertaken.

#### Surrounding Area:

- The brick pillar next to Willow Bank has been deconstructed in preparation for the works to begin.



*Historic sign at Swan Draw Dock*

### What's planned for the coming months

#### Northern Wall Deconstruction:

- Installation of granular fill at the northern entrance. This will facilitate future ground stabilisation and strengthening activities in the dock.

#### Eastern Wall Enabling Works:

- Erect Heras fencing and remove garden dividing walls.
- Conduct UXO survey and trial digging for drainage and CCTV cables.

#### Dock Clearance:

- De-vegetation and desilting of the dock will commence shortly.



*Progress photo at Swan Draw Dock*

## Protecting Historic Features

Swan Draw Dock is a late Victorian dock located at Carrara Wharf. It first features in the 1895 Ordnance Survey map.

We value the history of the draw dock and have engaged with all statutory stakeholders to ensure all historic features are protected. The following measures have been put in place:

- A historic building survey (Level 2) of the river wall will be completed and submitted to the Greater London Historic Environment Record.
- A layer of Terram geotextile and plywood protection will be placed over the cobbled surface at the base of the dock before full access of any machinery to the dock begins. This will protect the cobbles during the full construction process.
- Heritage aspects of the works are covered by our Environmental Action Plan.



*Photo of cobbles at the base of Swan Drock Dock. Photograph taken by Michael Tournay.*

## Fish Rescue

A fish rescue has been undertaken to ensure the safe delivery of biodiversity back to the main channel as the draw dock is drained.

Species identified in the fish rescue included: Perch, Rudd, Roach, Three Spined Stickleback, European Eel, Flounder and Juvenile Bass.

## Footbridge Closure



*Footpath diversion shown in yellow.*

The footbridge over Swan Draw Dock remains **closed** by the local council due to safety concerns, it is expected to remain closed for the duration of works.

Please continue to follow the diversion route shown on the left for access to either side of the dock.

## Come and say “Hi”

Our Stakeholder Engagement Officer, Howard Dobson, continues to visit Premier Inn every Wednesday from 2pm-4pm. This is an informal drop-in, please come with any questions, queries or feedback. It's always great to hear your thoughts and ideas.

## How to contact us

Please do not hesitate to contact the project team at: [SwanDrawDock@Environment-Agency.gov.uk](mailto:SwanDrawDock@Environment-Agency.gov.uk)

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