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## RESTRICTION NOTICE

**NOTICE NO** RN02/025 Update 1

**DATE OF ISSUE:** 27/03/2025

**WATERWAY:** AVON NAVIGATION

**UPDATE 1:** 14/04/2025

**LOCATION:** STRENSHAM LOCK

### DESCRIPTION

**Full closure of the lock**

### DATE AND TIMES OF CLOSURE

Monday 31st March until Thursday 15th May

### NAVIGATION & SPECIAL NOTES UPDATE:

Our contractor has completed the temporary works, including installation of a temporary dam, pumps, safety fencing, propping of the lock and installing an access tower.

The lock was successfully pumped down early last week and our engineers obtained access to do an initial survey of the damage caused by the Wide Beam Barge impact of last year.

Unfortunately the damage is significantly worse than originally thought. We had thought that the damage was limited to one gate, however as well as damage to the gate, the bottom Cill and Lock Foundation have been critically damaged and have completely failed. It is clear that the lock would not have survived much longer and would have probably catastrophically failed in the next couple of months.

Work has started on the design of a new Cill and Foundation. The design will incorporate features that will improve the strength and durability of both the Cill and the Lock Foundation to help the lock cope with future impacts. The parts have been designed over the weekend and orders placed.

Initially the Lock will need to be cleared of what is left of the demolished Cill and Foundation and prepared for the new installation. The gate will need to be craned out and hopefully repaired onsite and then reinstalled. Once this has been done and the parts received, these can be installed and a new reinforced concrete foundation and Cill be cast. The new installation will then need to be left for a week to set and strengthen before we allow water back into the lock and the lock reopens.

Considering the significant amount of work, we envisage that the lock will reopen on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.

We completely understand how inconvenient and frustrating this stoppage must be and we join you in being very angry that we have all been placed in this position none of which was of our making.

This lock was fully refurbished only 6 years ago and it should have had many decades of serviceable use, before such major works were required which makes this situation even more annoying.

We appreciate your patience and apologise for the inconvenience. We will do all that we can to deliver this major repair as soon as possible and we will keep you updated with our progress.

Up to date information regarding this notice maybe obtained from the ANT office.

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