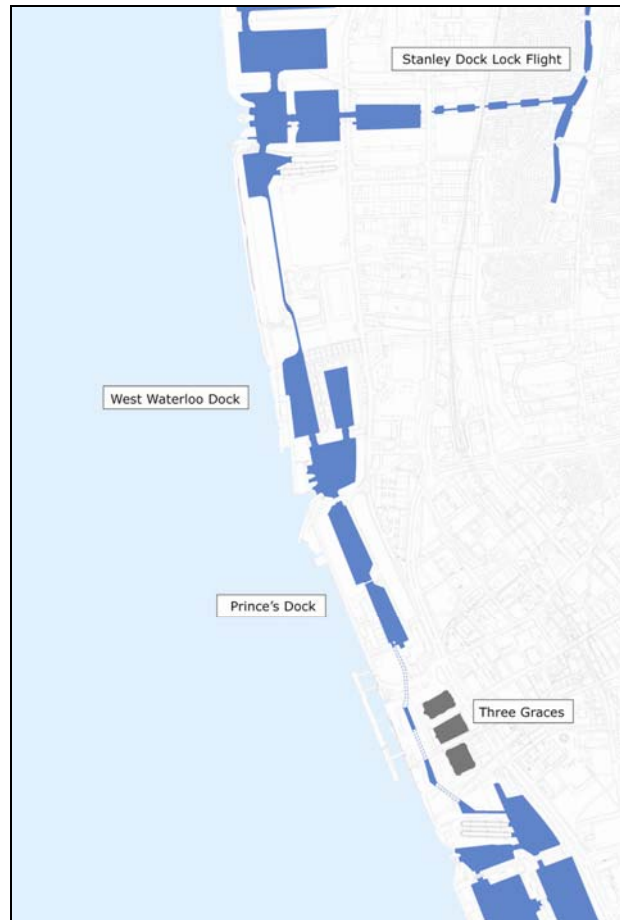


CANAL LINK INFORMATION

- The 127 mile Leeds & Liverpool Canal currently ends at the lock flight which runs down to Stanley Dock, near the Eldonian Village.
- The Liverpool Canal Link is a £20m project which extends the canal through the disused Central Docks, across the Pier Head in front of the Three Graces, and into the South Docks which British Waterways owns and operates.
- The canal link will provide a further 1.4 miles of navigable waterway.
- The route includes two new locks, open channels, tunnels and culverts.
- There are also various structures and works required to facilitate the safe passage through the existing dock system and to ensure clearances for navigation. These include two new highway bridges, flow control structures and utility diversions.
- At the Pier Head the development will provide access to the water's edge and will utilise space for the public to enjoy.
- It will create a vibrant waterspace to enhance the relationship between the canal and surrounding public areas.
- Construction of the canal at Pier Head by Balfour Beatty is almost complete. British Waterways has appointed contractors Pierse to undertake work on the £5.4m Central Docks section. At Mann Island works have commenced on the new basin and lock, these are being delivered by the developer Countryside Neptune and their contractor HBG/Nuttall.



CANAL LINK FUNDING

Funding for the project has been secured from the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA), the Merseyside Objective One programme (European Regional Development Fund), English Partnerships, Peel Holdings and British Waterways.

CANAL LINK BENEFITS

This project supports the continuing regeneration aims of partner organisations for the Liverpool waterfront and Central Docks. The Link will allow navigation for canal craft throughout the Liverpool waterfront and assist to animate the waterspace in the South Docks. The presence of activity will add vibrancy to the area. These benefits include:

- An estimated 200,000 extra visitors annually to the Liverpool waterfront, spending an extra £1.9million each year.
- Over 4,500 boat movements each year including visiting private, holiday hire, trip and restaurant boats.
- An estimated £2.2million in expenditure annually on boating related activities.
- 187 person years of temporary construction related employment.
- 173 net additional local jobs.
- An estimated £3.3million per annum in net additional gross value added to the local economy.
- An increase in property prices in the immediate canal link area and wider corridor.
- Wider socio-economic impacts such as an improved city image, added interest to the Mersey River Festival, increased access to heritage and interpretation, and increased recreation and amenity resources for the area.

CANAL LINK PROGRESS

- **2005/2006:** Planning permission, funding, detailed design, legal agreements.
- **July 06 – May 07:** First section of tunnel built as part of the new Cruise Liner Facility.
- **January 07:** Work commenced at Pier Head.
- **October 07:** Archaeology commenced at Mann Island as part of wider development.
- **November 07:** Work commenced at Central Docks.

CANAL LINK COMPLETION

- **August 08:** Pier Head canal and public realm
- **November 08:** Central Docks
- **December 08:** Mann Island
- **Early 09:** Testing and commissioning
- **Spring 09:** Open to boats

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