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TO INSTALL NEW EEL SCREENS
AND HELP THEM
COMPLETE THEIR MIGRATION CYCLE

We are investing
£3.2million into new
eel screens along the
River Great Ouse

The European eel is now classed as critically endangered after a 95 per cent decline in population over the last 25 years, and these new screens will provide safe passage along the watercourse for the eels, fish and other organisms, protecting them from the machinery.

DID YOU KNOW?

Eels spend their early years in rivers across Europe before migrating to the Sargasso Sea in the North Atlantic to spawn. The spawn is then thought to use the Gulf Stream to return to our rivers, by which time they have developed into very small, glass eels.

One of the reasons why the eel population is thought to have declined so rapidly in recent years, is because structures in our rivers, like weirs, locks and other machinery prevents the species from completing their migration cycle in order to reproduce.

The new screens at Offord D'Arcy will stop eels from entering the abstraction intake, but the size of the mesh on the screens also means they will protect fish and other organisms from the machinery too.

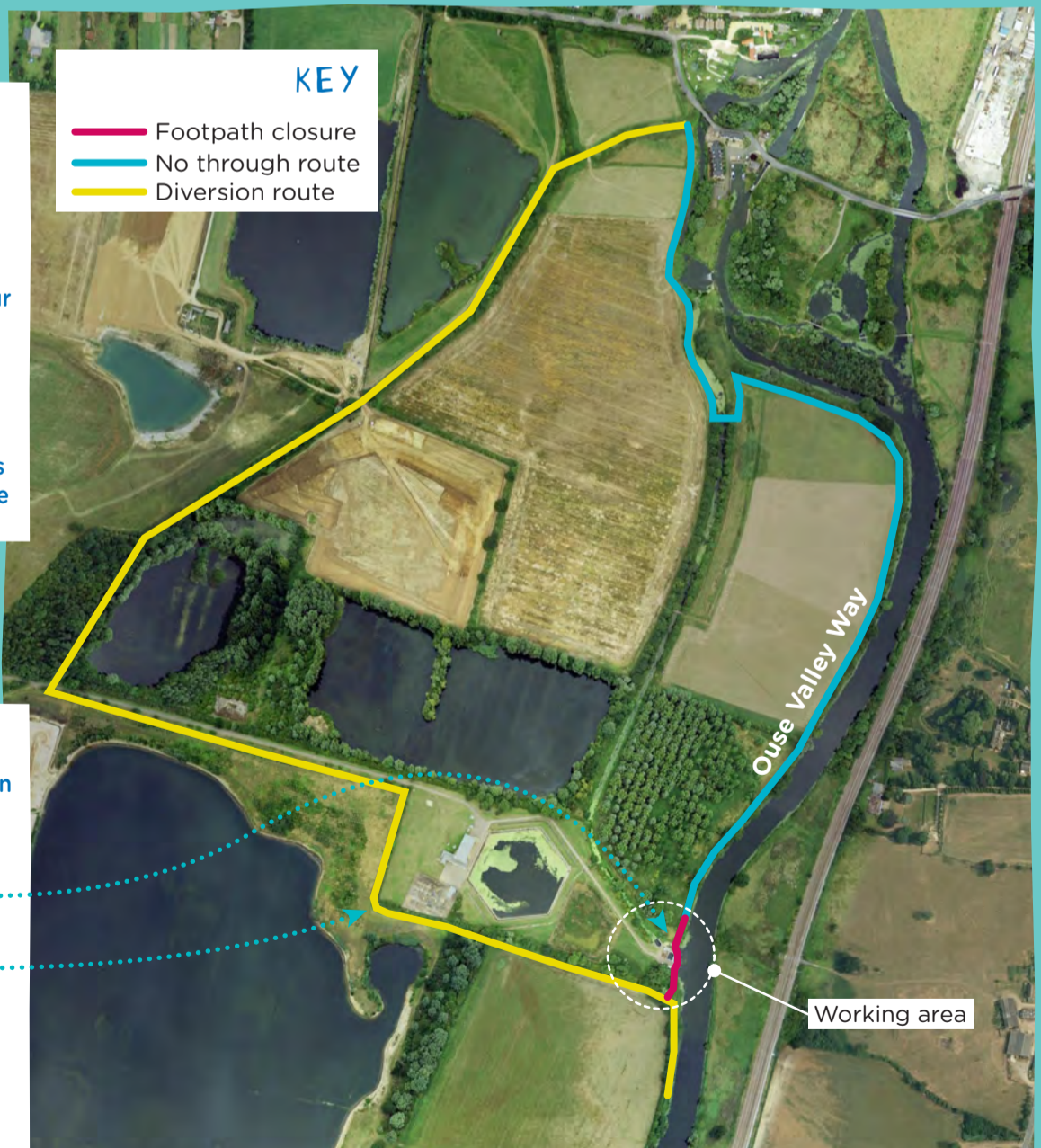
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

The majority of the work will be located within the site boundary, therefore there will be little disruption to the community. You may notice increased amounts of construction traffic going to and from the site when the work commences.

To ensure the safety of the public and our workforce, during this work we need to put a temporary footpath closure in place on the Ouse Valley Way. A diversion route will be in place and signposted at all times.

Work is expected to commence in **Autumn 2019** and is expected to last for approximately **13 weeks**. We will be in touch to let you know the exact dates nearer the time.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding whilst we complete this important work.



If you have any queries, please contact our 24-hour customer helpline on **03457 145 145** and quote reference number **55920018**. Information can also be found on our "In Your Area" website at www.anglianwater.co.uk/yourarea

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