

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Medway Valley Crossing - Update 15th April 2016

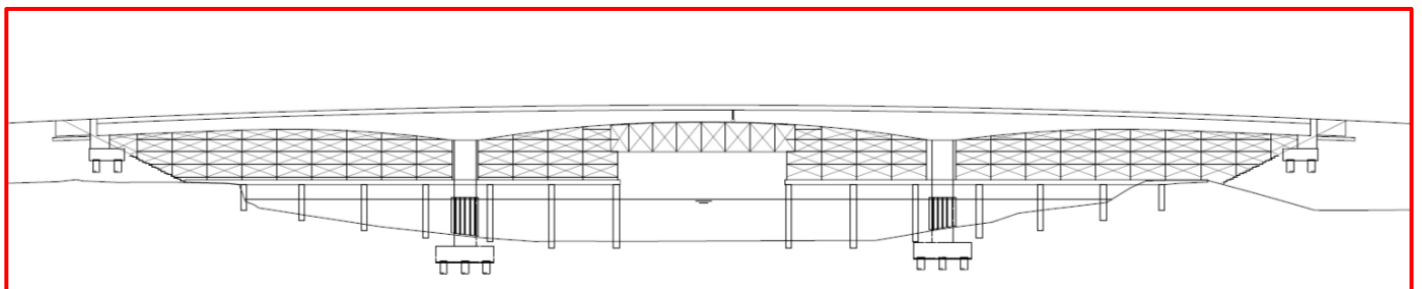
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from the 18th of April 2016 lifting operations will commence on the Medway Valley Crossing. This work will start the process of removing the temporary air draught restriction. Safety boats will be positioned to marshal the area during lifting operations. Any vessel planning to navigate under the Medway Valley Crossing shall give prior notice of their intentions by contacting BAM Nuttall Limited on: 07921517991 or 07771913923.

From the 1st of November 2014 work will take place to construct a new road bridge over the River Medway connecting the A228 on the West bank to the A229 on the East bank.

The works will involve sheet piling along east and west river embankments and construction of temporary access jetties and cofferdams. A temporary navigable span will be maintained at all times, the dimensions of the temporary span will be 20m wide by a 4.4m air draught at HAT. The Medway Valley Crossing will be located in the following approximate positions:

51° 20.48' N 00° 27.18' E

The week commencing the 17th August 2015 air draught restrictions will be imposed due to the instillation of the bridging false work across the navigation channel. This will reduce the air draught to 4.4m at HAT.



The jetties will be well lit during the hours of darkness. A green light will be positioned on the jetty extending from the west shore and a red light will be positioned on the jetty extending from the east shore, this will mark the navigable span between the works (the navigable span will be 20m wide).

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Once the work is complete the navigable span under the Medway Valley Crossing will be 40m wide with an air draught of 8m above Mean High Water Springs.

All mariners are further reminded to pass with care and caution and not to cause excessive wash.

Persons in charge of vessels should maintain a good lookout ahead and astern at all times.

All Reporting Vessels (as per the General Directions for Navigation in the Medway Ports 2013) including any vessel engaged in towing operations shall give prior notice of their intention to pass the temporary works by contacting BAM Nuttall Limited on: 07921517991 or 07771913923.

Further information on the works may be obtained from Medway Navigation Service (VTS) on VHF Channel 74, call sign "Medway VTS" or telephone 01795 663025.

Admiralty Chart No. 2482 refers.

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