



DETAILED INFORMATION

Dry and Wet Docks

It is recommended that you seek specialist advice at an early stage in the project.

Planning Consent

It is likely that planning consent would be required for the construction of a new dry or wet dock.

Abstraction Licence

There may be a need for an abstraction licence for a dry dock dependant on whether the water is returned to the original source (e.g. canal) or to another water course. Please discuss this further with the Trust and the Environment Agency.

Design and Construction

The Trust will require detailed information to be satisfied that the structure will be watertight and to allow us to fully assess the impact on Trust property, both during the construction phase and in during its use. In addition a stilling test will be required upon completion of the construction to check that the required standards have been met.

Safety

Expert advice should be sought on the safety aspects of the project.

Issues such as depth, width and length, access, provision of safety equipment, electricity supply, heritage or other listings, will require specific management consideration.

For information only - dry and wet docks should generally have the following:

- Perimeter fencing, to stop a fall from height. This should include toe-boards where items may be kicked into the dry dock.
- Official points for safe access and exit; these must be fenced when not in use.
- Safe working procedures for docking of craft and use by hirers and staff.
- Signs that provide:
 - local information
 - details of the dock
 - name of the owner's representative
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- emergency/contact telephone numbers for the owner and the Emergency services

Please contact the HSE for further guidance <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>