

# **The Future of Brentford's Disused Railway Embankment**

# An Outline of the Project

- ❑ £50,000 grant to Brentford Voice from LBH to carry out a Feasibility Study of how best to use the open space
- ❑ February 2023 - appointment of landscape consultants & ecologists. Continuing engagement with the community.
- ❑ December 2023 – results of Feasibility Study
- ❑ 2024 onwards - will need more money to carry out work on the ground

*but .....*

***❑ This project belongs to our community, and we will only go ahead with your support***

***❑ We know that there are local concerns, including:***

***Overlooking***

***Anti-social behaviour***

***Damage to ecology***

***Loss of trees***



Great West Road

**Phase 2**

Railway

Canal

**Phase 1**

Field Lane

London Road



**The railway  
embankment is  
owned by LB  
Hounslow**

About 380 x 30 m.  
1.2 hectares/3  
acres (more than  
1½ football  
pitches)



# **A Little Bit of History**

Moses  
Glover's  
map  
1635





1869



**1931**

*Great West Road*

*Railway*

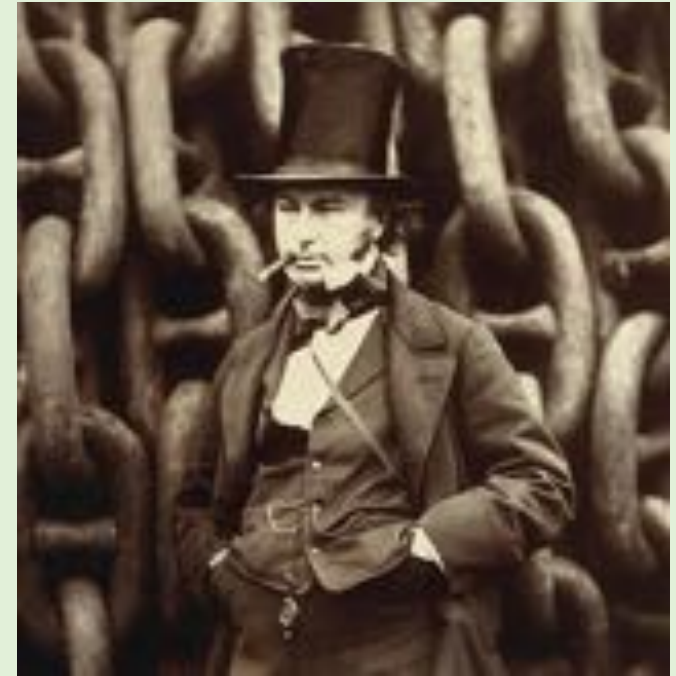
*Grand Union Canal*

*London Road*

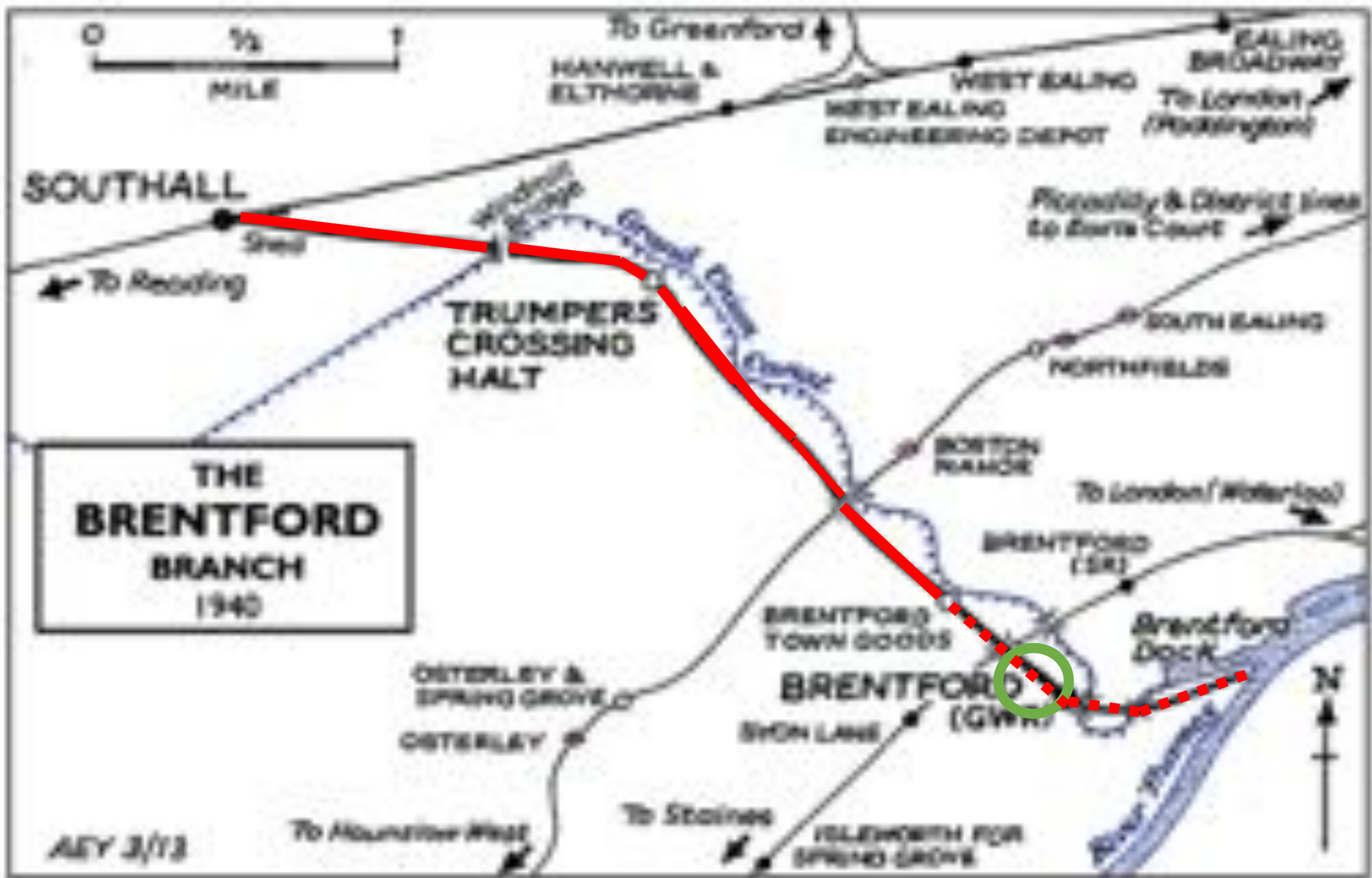


# The Brentford branch line, also known as the Brentford Dock Line

- Opened in 1859
- 4 miles (6.4 km) from Southall to Brentford Dock
- Last passenger service in 1942
- Closed in 1964
- Track removed



Chief Engineer  
Isambard Kingdom Brunel



**THE BRENTFORD BRANCH 1940**

KEY 3/73



**Bridge  
over  
London  
Road  
about  
1920?**



**Bridge over  
the Great  
West Road**

**1937**

# Brentford Town Station

ca. 1906



1920s



# Early 1960s





# Examples from Elsewhere

# The New York Highline



# Wirral Country Park



# The Nickey Line, Harpenden





# The Peckham Coal Line



# Dalston Eastern Curve Garden



# **Old Railway Parkland Walk**

**Highgate and  
Crouch End**

# The Camden Highline



**The  
Embankment  
Today**





**Looking north west from  
Brentford Station in 1973**



**Looking north**



**Looking south west**



**Looking south east**

**Ecology**

# Site of Importance for Nature Conservation



*Species recorded within 50 metres  
of Hornbeam Crescent include:*



*Sparrowhawk*

*Kestrel*

*Goldfinch*

*Greenfinch*

*Long-tailed tit*

*Great spotted woodpecker*

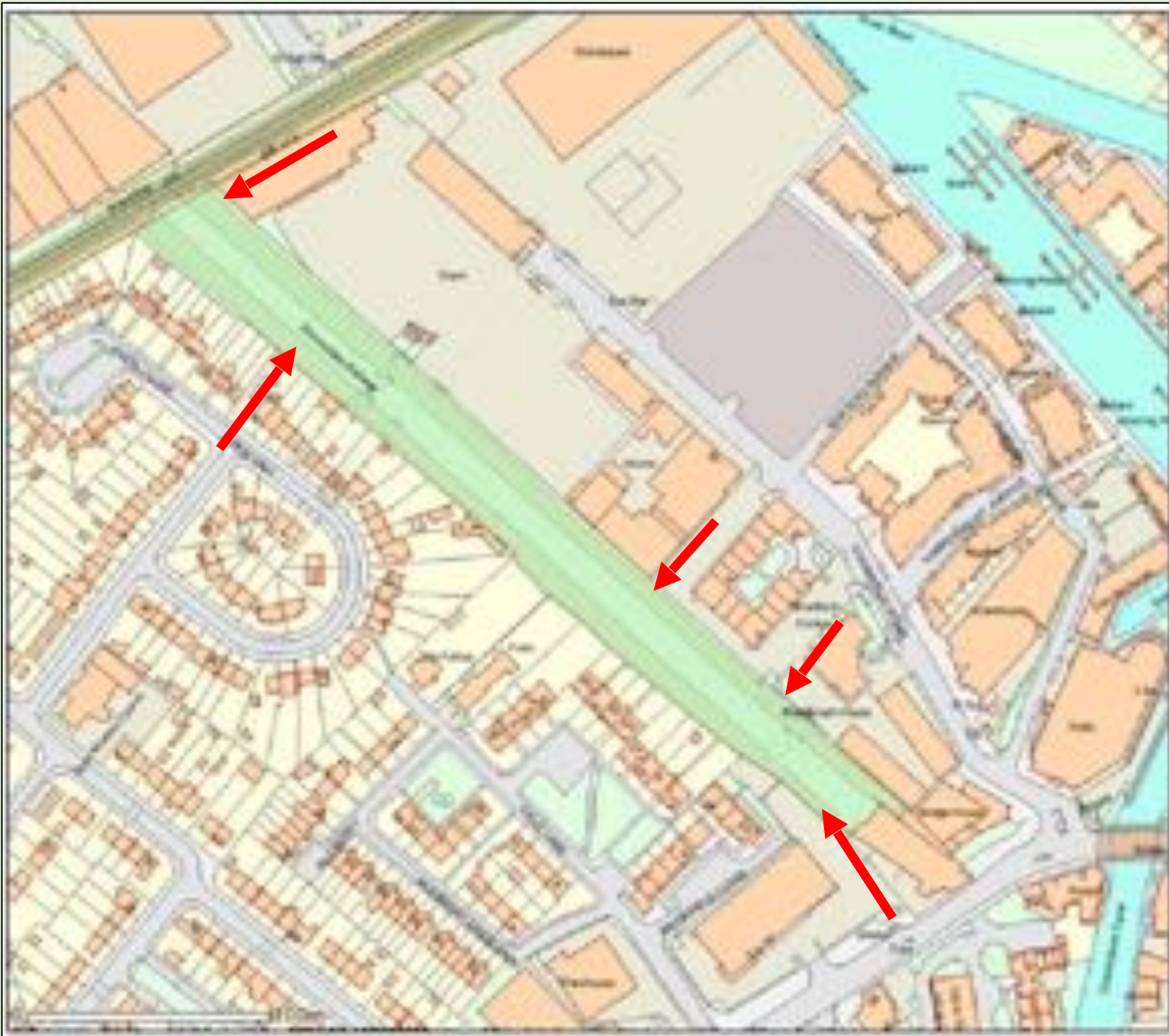
*Stag beetle*

*Red Fox*

*Hedgehog*

*Japanese knotweed*

**Where and how to provide access?**



**Some possible  
points of  
access**

***Step-free  
access  
for disabled is  
essential***

***Security?***

**Garages at  
Hazel Close/  
Hornbeam Crescent**



# Manderson House – from current planning application





## **Possible uses include one or several of:**

- **A walking route**
- **An educational, community, and historical resource**
- **A nature reserve**
- **Native wildflower planting**
- **Community gardens/allotments**
- **An orchard**
- **A peaceful spot to sit, have a picnic, and enjoy the views**



# **This project belongs to our community**

- **Should we go ahead with the Feasibility Study?**
- **Any comments, ideas, questions, concerns?**

