

## The “Inland Navigator” demonstrates the River Trent's freight carrying potential

Robert Wynn and Sons have provided a timely reminder of the role the River Trent can play in reducing congestion on Nottinghamshire's roads.

Recently the “Inland Navigator” again demonstrated the freight carrying potential of the River Trent. The vessel carried a 135 tonne load from the former Power Station site at Staythorpe along the River Trent to the Port of Goole.



The 135 tonne transformer was loaded in to the “Inland Navigator”, a converted former tanker barge and then began her journey downstream through the central arch of Newark's historic Town Bridge, arriving at Goole where the load was transferred to a ship at this inland port. Traditionally similar loads would have been transported in excess of 100km along such regional roads as the A616, A614 and A1. This movement, however, involved only a 1 km road journey from a National Grid substation to the Trent-side loading facility.

Earlier the “Inland Navigator” carried two 280 tonne Quadrature Boosters on behalf of National Grid these were the largest single piece loads ever carried on the Trent upstream of Newark.

Tim West, Spokesperson for Robert Wynn & Sons commented,  
"The movement of these transformers along the Trent had a beneficial impact on the region's traffic levels. Furthermore it demonstrated to politicians of all parties the freight carrying potential of our waterways, in particular the Trent. It is to be hoped that those elected locally will actively work towards increasing the tonnage carried on the river which is of course one of the UK's longest commercial waterways."



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