



Grand Junction Canal Realignment
Close by bridge 151 the Grand Union Canal is supplemented by water from the River Gade which crosses the canal here. Below Lock 66, by Apsley Mill, the canal enters a short section of the Gade as far as the railway bridge to the south of Nash Mills. Until 1819, however, the canal followed a course to the east of the present one descending through four locks to Kings Langley. The canal, though, drew water from the river which considerably reduced the supplies available to the huge Dickinson's Mills at Apsley and Nash Mills. Dickinson's successfully forced the Grand Junction Canal Company to divert the canal to join the river at Apsley. Realigning the canal along the River Gade required the construction of five new locks. The original, sequential lock numbers were transferred to the new ones with Kings Langley Lock being numbered 60A.

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