



NATURAL ENGLAND





# **Unlocking the Severn**







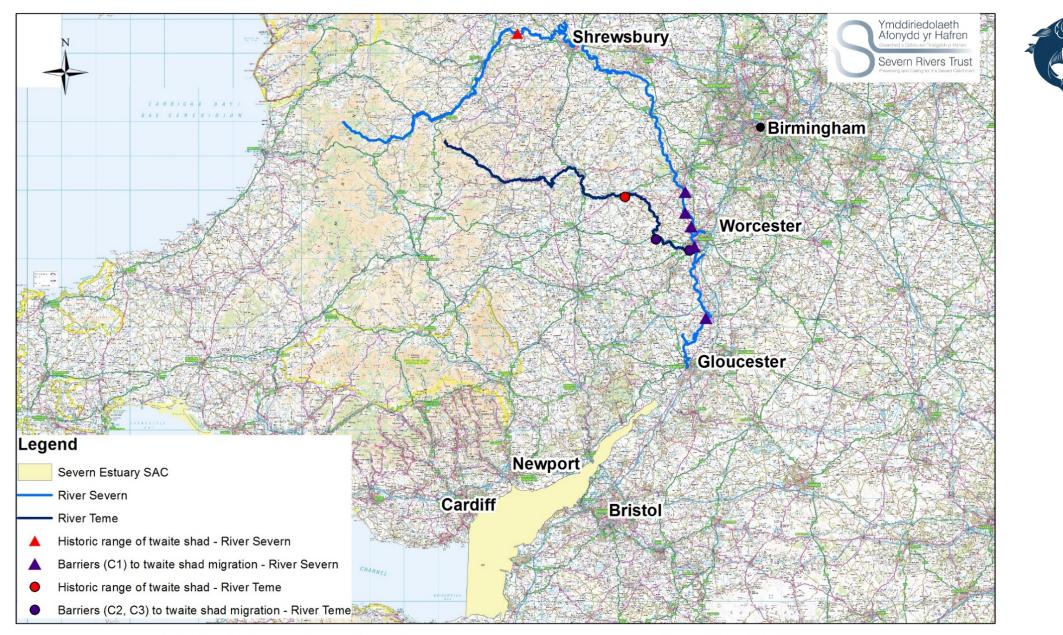
Photo - Jack Perks



"The finest river in England is nearly ruined by building walls across it, sufficient to stop everything except a large and powerful animal... yet notwithstanding there is no river affords more hope than the Severn were its restoration properly taken up."



#### **Government Inspector** of Fisheries 1862



LIFE-Shad Map 2: Location Severn Estuary/Mor Hafren SAC (UK0013030), River Severn and River Teme

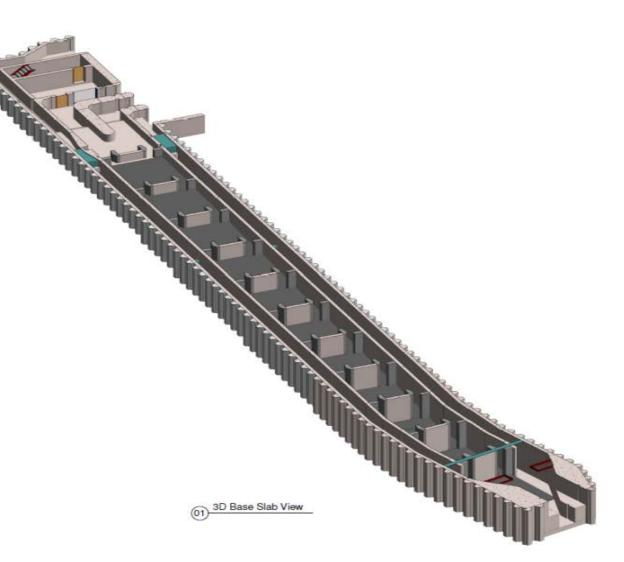
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## **The future: Unlocking the Severn**

- Re-opening 250km spawning habitats
- State-of-the-art engineering works on 6 weirs – 2 on the river Teme and 4 navigation weirs on the main Severn
- Benefits for all fish
  species
- Lots of opportunities for people to get involved....



# **Unlocking the Severn Aims...**



#### Bring back the shad!

This important rare fish will reach its former freshwater habitats and all fish will hav improved access in the River Severn.

#### Our Severn

More people and different people will care about, visit and enjoy the River Severn making it a vibrant and exciting place to be.

#### Deepen connections

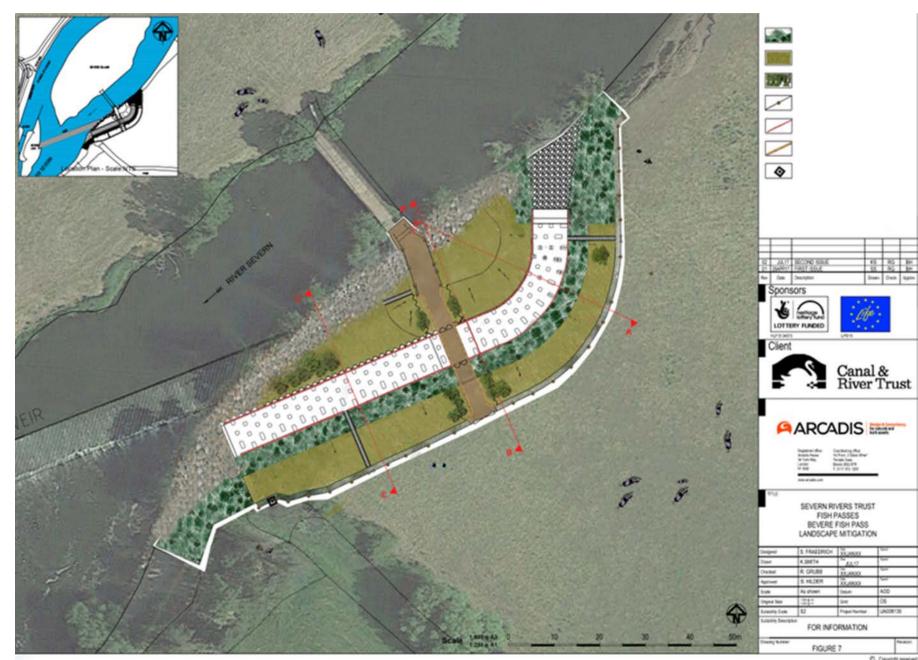
The River Severn will become an engaging route to learning that enriches people's lives.

#### Volunteers at the heart of heritage and science

Together we will discover, share and celebrate the stories of the River Severn, and create an amazing legacy for the future.

### **Bevere fish pass 'bypass channel' – Aerial view**





### Diglis fish pass 'deep vertical slot pass' – Aerial view









## Community involvement in Shad Monitoring - People Powered Science!

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"Whole thing is very pleasurable. I liked the education side of it, I've learnt a lot. Also very Zen"