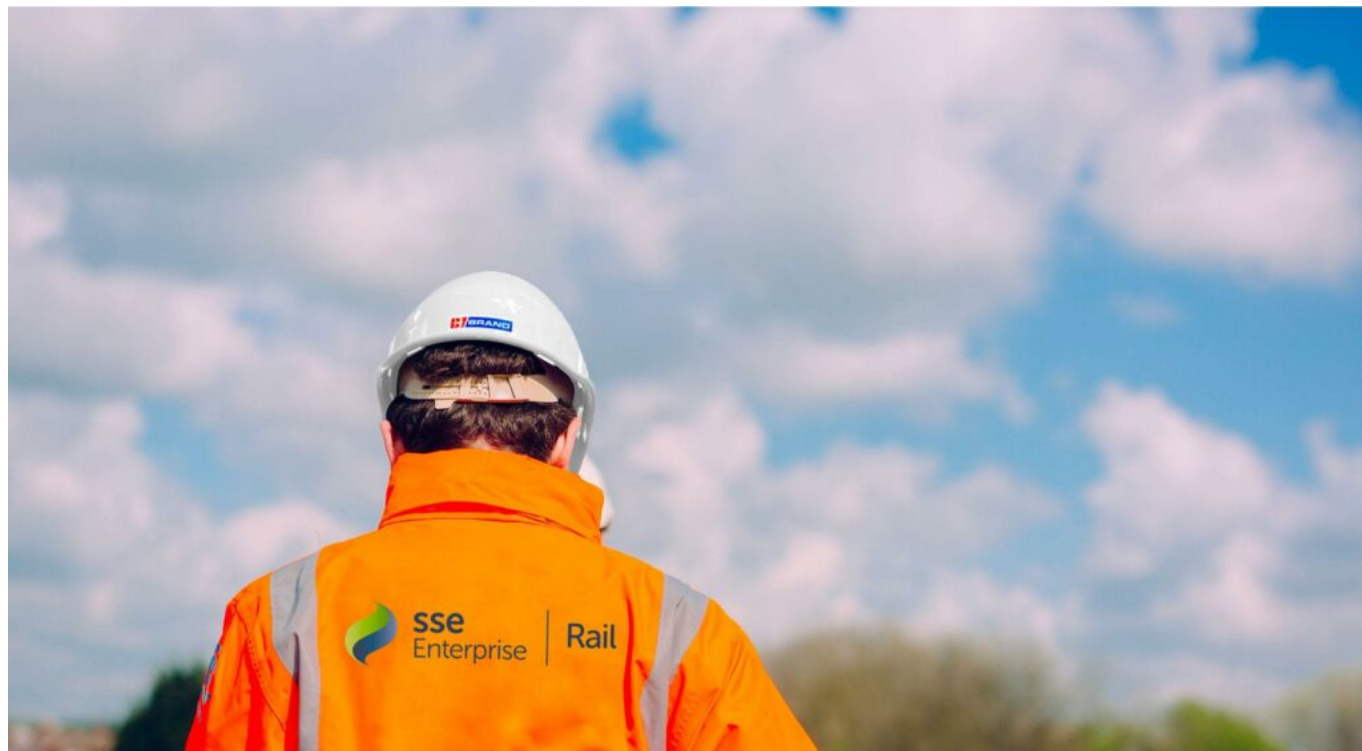


SSE Enterprise Rail bringing Camden's Winding Vaults back to life

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Leading UK rail services provider SSE Enterprise Rail is working on a project on behalf of Network Rail to transform a network of hidden underground vaults in Camden into space for public-use facilities.

The Grade II listed vaults date back to the 1830s and are located off Gloucester Avenue in Primrose Hill. They were built to house two winding engines and associated equipment, used to haul trains up Camden Bank from Euston by means of an endless rope system. The winding engines operated from 1837 to 1844 and since being decommissioned the vaults have been left in a state of disrepair and are currently semi-submerged in water.

SSE Enterprise Rail will upgrade the existing power supply with a single distribution board with a minimum of two 110v outlets, which will power two automatic pumps and new LED lightning throughout the vaults.

Raj Sinha, Managing Director at SSE Enterprise Rail, said: "This is a unique and exciting scheme which will protect the heritage of the space and could eventually transform these vaults into a thriving new public space in Camden.

"We are proud to be part of a project that has such historic interest. These vaults date back to the Victorian period and it will be wonderful to have them restored. The opportunities this project could open up are very exciting and it is a scheme both SSE Enterprise Rail and Network Rail are thrilled to be working on."