

MILTON KEYNES: City of Firsts!

5 Grafton Street Aqueduct



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Milton Keynes was the first for 50 years to build an aqueduct over a British canal – **The Grafton Street Aqueduct, 1991**

1,700 tons of concrete, 121 miles of steel cable, 125 metres long, taking a year to build, costing £4.5m, this was one of the city's most complicated civil engineering projects. *'Beforehand, the Grand Union Canal flowed over the Eight Arches embankment.'*

New Bradwell School, 'Clutch Club' researchers, 2000