

A28 Chart Road, Ashford Improvement Scheme

Newsletter 2

July 2017

Programme

Detailed design
April to November
2017

Land acquisition
complete by
January 2018

Vegetation
clearance
January/February
2018

Construction
Spring 2018 to
Autumn 2019

Funding

Project cost £32.8m

Government funding
£10.2m

Developer
contributions
£22.6m

Next Steps

Additional site
investigations

Public exhibition
19th and 20th July
2017

Introduction

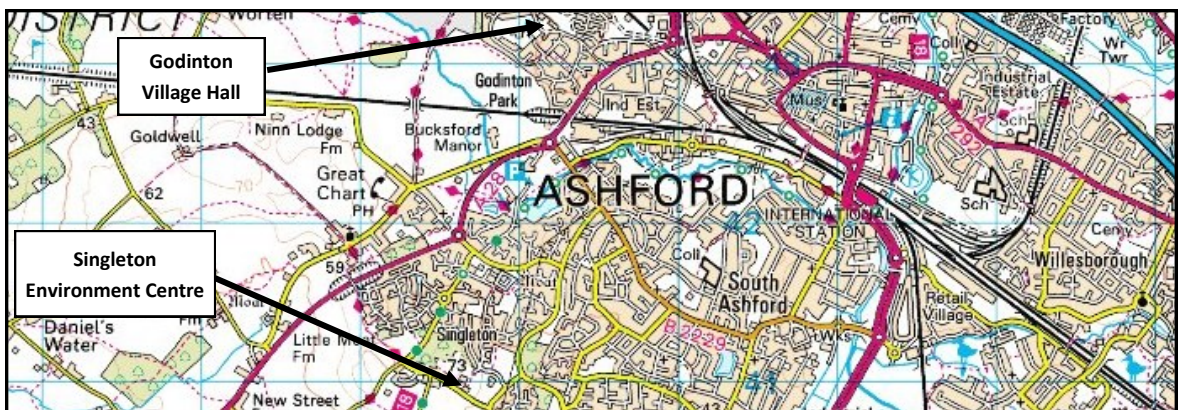
The public engagement held in December 2015 gave outline details of the proposed improvement of the A28 Chart Road. Considerable progress has been made on the scheme leading to the recent appointment of Jackson Civil Engineering Ltd on a two stage Early Contractor Involvement Contract. The first stage will be to support KCC in the completion of the detailed design, with Jackson able to bring their extensive expertise to mitigate some of the risks before we start the second stage construction phase. Jackson have a long history of delivering high quality successful schemes for KCC.



Public Exhibitions

Two public exhibitions have been arranged where people can meet the project team to get an update on the project and initial proposals for the construction phasing and programme. The first is being held on the 19th July at the Singleton Environment Centre, Wesley School Road, TN23 5LW, between 4.30pm and 7pm. Visitors will also be able to take part in the Chilmington Green consultation that is being hosted by Ashford Borough Council (see over for details). The second exhibition, which is only about the Chart Road scheme, is being held at Godinton Village Hall located in Loudon Way, Ashford, TN23 3JJ, between 3.30pm and 6.30pm on the 20th July. Parking is available at both venues.

If you would like to find out more about the current proposals please come along to one of the exhibitions or alternatively, please visit the project website or contact us via the project email address, which are given at the foot of this newsletter.



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Project Update

Previous Public Engagement

The feedback from the public engagement held in December 2015 gave us an important insight into local concerns. Where possible these are being considered further as we finalise the detailed design of the project over the next few months.

Some of the main local concerns that we are considering include:

- Noise and air quality impacts both permanent and during construction
- Location and specific detail regarding the noise mitigation fencing
- Parking issues in Loudon Way
- Operation of the Loudon Way signal junction
- General impacts of the construction works
- Concerns regarding the movement of traffic through the Cobbs Wood Estate
- Improved destination signing/road markings on the approaches to roundabouts

Funding Confirmed

£10.2m of Local Growth Funding had already been secured from Central Government for the £32.8m scheme and the approval of the planning application for the Chilmington Green development has confirmed the remaining £22.6m funding through developer contributions.

Land

Discussions are ongoing with landowners regarding the acquisition of land required for the scheme but in order to safeguard the construction programme a Compulsory Purchase Order was published in May 2017. It is anticipated that all land required for the scheme will be secured before January 2018. However, should voluntary land acquisition not be possible and we have to use our compulsory purchase powers, then the start of the scheme may be delayed until 2019.

Site Investigations

Over the next few months you may see some additional site surveys and investigations being carried out by Jackson, as we gather more detailed information about the site to mitigate the construction risks. These include further trial holes to confirm ground conditions and position of utility apparatus, additional drainage surveys and ground investigations in the vicinity of the new railway bridge.



Local residents are invited to get involved and comment on the
Draft Community Development Strategy for Chilmington Green
Wednesday 19th July, 4.30-7pm
Singleton Environment Centre

Can't attend? Email Sallyanne.logan@ashford.gov.uk or comment online
From 13th July to 16th August www.ashford.gov.uk/chilmington-green-introduction

Event organised by Ashford Borough Council and its community partners