



# A249 Grovehurst Road Junction Improvements

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*(Drone image of the current A249 Grovehurst Road Junction, showing ongoing vegetation clearance and works for setting up a permanent construction site compound)*

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Dear Stakeholder,

As you would have noticed, works are ongoing on the site of the new A249 Grovehurst Road Junction. Following coordination and planning meetings with Streetworks and National Highways, traffic management plans have been agreed and are now in place to allow the works to be carried out safely.

We organised our first stakeholder engagement event on 27<sup>th</sup> September at Kemsley Community Centre to explain the current situation. At this event, it was agreed that a singular source of information was necessary to mitigate misinformation.

All of the enquiries, concerns and questions raised have been responded to and will be collated as a collection of FAQs and these will be found on the official Project website <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects/in-progress-road-projects/A249-Grovehurst-Road-and-Key-Street> . This website shall henceforth serve as the main source of project updates and traffic management plans.



Our second engagement event is to be held on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> October at Lakeview Village Hall. This is to allow stakeholders who could not attend the first meeting to also share their thoughts and hear from the project team themselves. We will continue to provide updates and traffic management plans via email to stakeholders in our contact list and responding to enquiries sent to us through the project email address.







## Progress Update:

So far, activities on the highway sections have included vegetation clearance, reptile trapping and translocation, destructive searches through the existing ground material, relocation of stockpiles, excavation of sub formation and placement of general fill for earthworks operations. We have also undertaken trial holes to locate existing utilities, excavation of attenuation ponds, earthworks, construction of internal haul roads, and continued with Ground Penetrating Radar surveys.

To enable the bridge works, traffic management has been installed on the Northbound carriageway (towards Isle of Sheppey) to allow us to mobilise for enabling works. We have disconnected the redundant street lighting columns and removed some Vehicle Restraint Systems for site clearance. We have also undertaken the 2-stage vegetation clearance, carried out the stump grinding and the destructive search for ecological compliance. We are now carrying out trial trenches to comply with utilities management before we undertake the topsoil strip and begin excavation to construct the temporary working platform for piling works.

We are currently carrying out this same sequencing on the south abutment since the traffic management was placed on 12<sup>th</sup> October for a full southbound lane 1 closure of the A249, as both the north and south abutment temporary works platforms need to be placed ready for the preliminary test pile installation planned for 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## Planned upcoming works:

In the coming months, we will be continuing with the following:

- Vegetation clearance
- Reptile trapping and translocation
- Destructive searches through the existing ground material
- Excavation of sub formation and placement of granular fill for earthworks operations
- Trial holes to locate existing statutory apparatus.
- Ground Penetrating Radar surveys and Earthworks.
- Installation of monitoring systems





- Construction of permanent compound
- Site clearance works.
- Installation of drainage works.
- Installation of matting and seeding to pond areas
- Installation of culvert pipes
- Vehicle Restraint Systems removal
- Topsoil relocation

### Social Value Update:

To promote careers in construction and engineering throughout the project area, we are using work experience programmes, school / college visits by our STEM team, delivering innovative and engaging events that promote careers in the industry. Currently, we are liaising with local schools to finalise arrangements for a LEGO education STEM activity event, that we are planning to complete in the coming weeks.

We will keep you updated on our progress as we deliver on these commitments.

Regards,

**The Project Team.**

**For more information about the Grovehurst Road Project, please visit: [A249 Grovehurst Road and Key Street - Kent County Council](#) on the KCC website.**

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