





Rennie Drive Fastrack Improvement Scheme Delivered by Kent County Council Newsletter Issue No. 5



North east junction of Rennie Drive to show progress as of July 2024











Dear Stakeholder,

Following our last update, progress has been significantly made during June and July to ensure the majority of the southbound widening is nearly complete. Upon completion of this section, we will be looking to start moving back across the Sainsburys entrances to complete the necessary drainage improvements as part of this scheme.

Progress Update

Works have been predominantly situated within the northeast corner of the Rennie Drive Junction whilst our southbound widening has started taking shape, this includes activities such as widening the existing carriageway, laying new drainage kerbs, installing the necessary duct work and upgrading existing pedestrian crossing facilities.

For us to complete this section, a section of the northeast corner will need to be occupied by Openreach for a small period of time so that a new carriageway and footway chamber can be constructed. These works commenced on Thursday 1st August and are anticipated to be complete by the end of this week.

We are continuing to look at sections of the project where timesaving can be achieved to accelerate the programme, the current planned completion as of July still remains early November 2024 however, we will be looking to bring this date forward where possible to ensure the scheme is complete ahead of the Christmas embargo starting.

Traffic Management

We recently introduced a new 5-way traffic management arrangement onsite to suit the current working location, this includes an additional traffic signal being placed within the Fastway so that the busses can safely use the bridge.

Two new temporary pedestrian crossing points have also been introduced at the north of the junction and south of the Sainsburys entrance due to the existing crossing points being out of action whilst the temporary traffic management arrangement is in place.

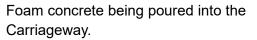
Manual control of the lights will continue to be in place during the peak hours throughout the day to ensure the junction remains operational.

Stakeholder Liaison

We will continue in ensuring local stakeholders to the scheme are kept well informed of any developments onsite that may be of direct impact to business continuity, which includes ongoing liaison with bus service providers and our streetworks teams.

Progress Photos







Carriageway backfilled to Type 1 level.



Tactiles laid for the uncontrolled crossing point



Tactiles laid for controlled pedestrian point

For more information...

Please visit our website at <u>www.kent.gov.uk/rennie-drive-dartford</u>, or you can contact the project team direct at <u>renniedrive@kent.gov.uk</u> where more information can be provided or for any queries.

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