

A28 Sturry Link Road Scheme

Community Newsletter

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Introduction

Welcome to our fourth newsletter. After a month of extreme heat and merciless rainfall, work is still progressing well. The image below is from our modelling software, which gives a good indication of our works at this time.



Temporary bridges

Two temporary scaffold bridges have been installed over the Great Stour, which allows us safe access across the river to different works areas.



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Bridge beams

Twelve steel girders have now been fabricated and are currently in storage, ready for future transport and installation. A further 6 beams are currently being fabricated.



The first beams are due to be delivered to site in mid-November. The 18 beams are around 57 metres long and weigh around 160 tonnes.

The new beams are made from weathering steel. This is not painted and although it looks untreated and 'rusty' it develops a new surface, known as a patina, which protects the metal from wet and dry conditions. This reduces the need for future maintenance.

CFA piling

The CFA piling has been completed on Piers 1 and 2 (as can be seen below), and at the southern abutment, a total of 40 piles have been installed, while piling on Piers 3 and 4 is ongoing.



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Southern Roundabout

Drainage work at the southern roundabout is nearing completion. Two attenuation tanks have been successfully installed, and the pond continues to take shape.

The new roads and footways are progressing with stone being brought on site to build up the sub-base levels. The centre of the roundabout is now beginning to take shape, providing a clear indication of the final layout.



Northern Roundabout

Originally, the northern roundabout was due to be built by the Land at Sturry developer, however, following discussions, it is now being built as part of the Link Road. Permanent works are progressing well, with the earthworks for the lower section of the roundabout nearing completion. The full haul road, providing access to this part of the site from Shalloak Road, is in construction.

Work to redirect the High Voltage cables underground has now been completed allowing use to work up to the railway boundary and get ready for the piling works for the north abutment.

After rain and groundwater filled the new pond north of the railway line (pictured right) ahead of plan, we will recycle the water for use in dust suppression water bowsers and other construction activities.



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Shalloak Road site entrance

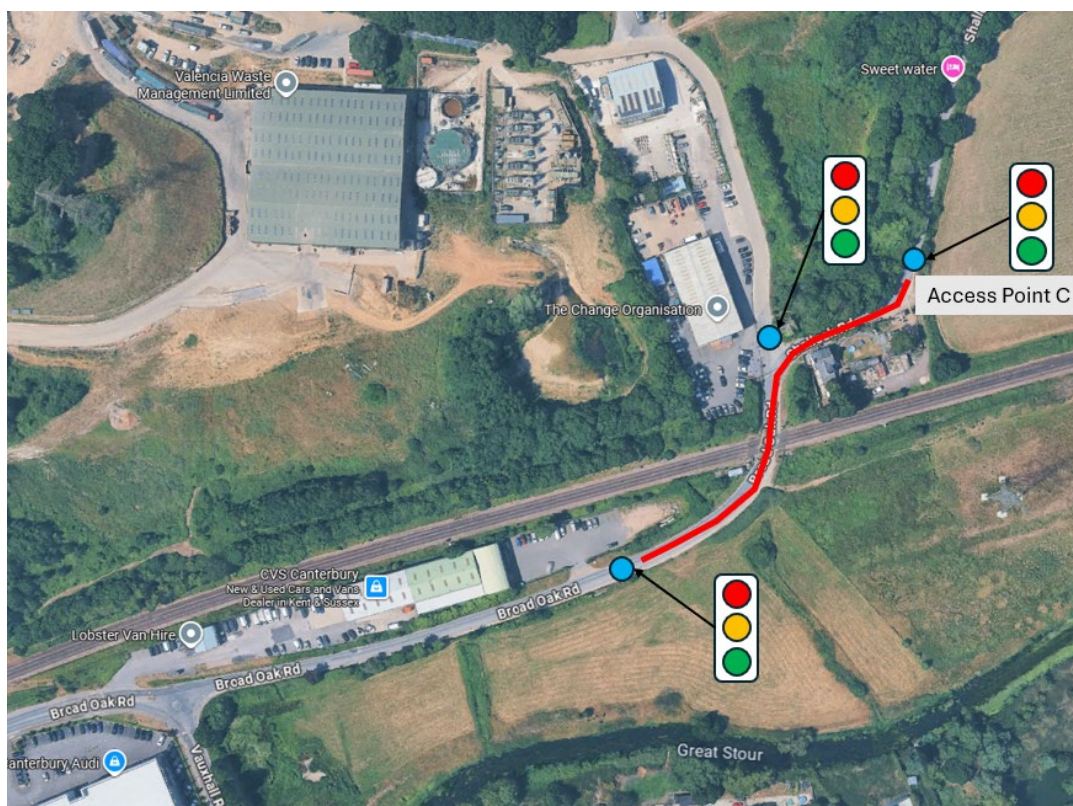
Following the re-opening of Shalloak Road, we are making changes to our site access (referred to as Access Point C – see image below), which may affect some local journeys.

As construction activities increase, we need to bring materials to site and will therefore be increasing the number tipper vehicle movements to and from site. This will become frequent during our working hours (7.30am-5.00pm Monday to Friday). There will also be some infrequent movements of much larger vehicles and equipment which will need to be escorted to/from site.

Three-way traffic signals will be in use during our working hours. These will be controlled by traffic marshals who may have to pause your journey to bring in or release site vehicles. Our aim is to minimise disruption to passing traffic, so the signals will be green unless site movement is taking place.

We will also cut back vegetation from either side of Shalloak Road where it is needed to make sure visibility and clearance is best for all road users.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience while this takes place.



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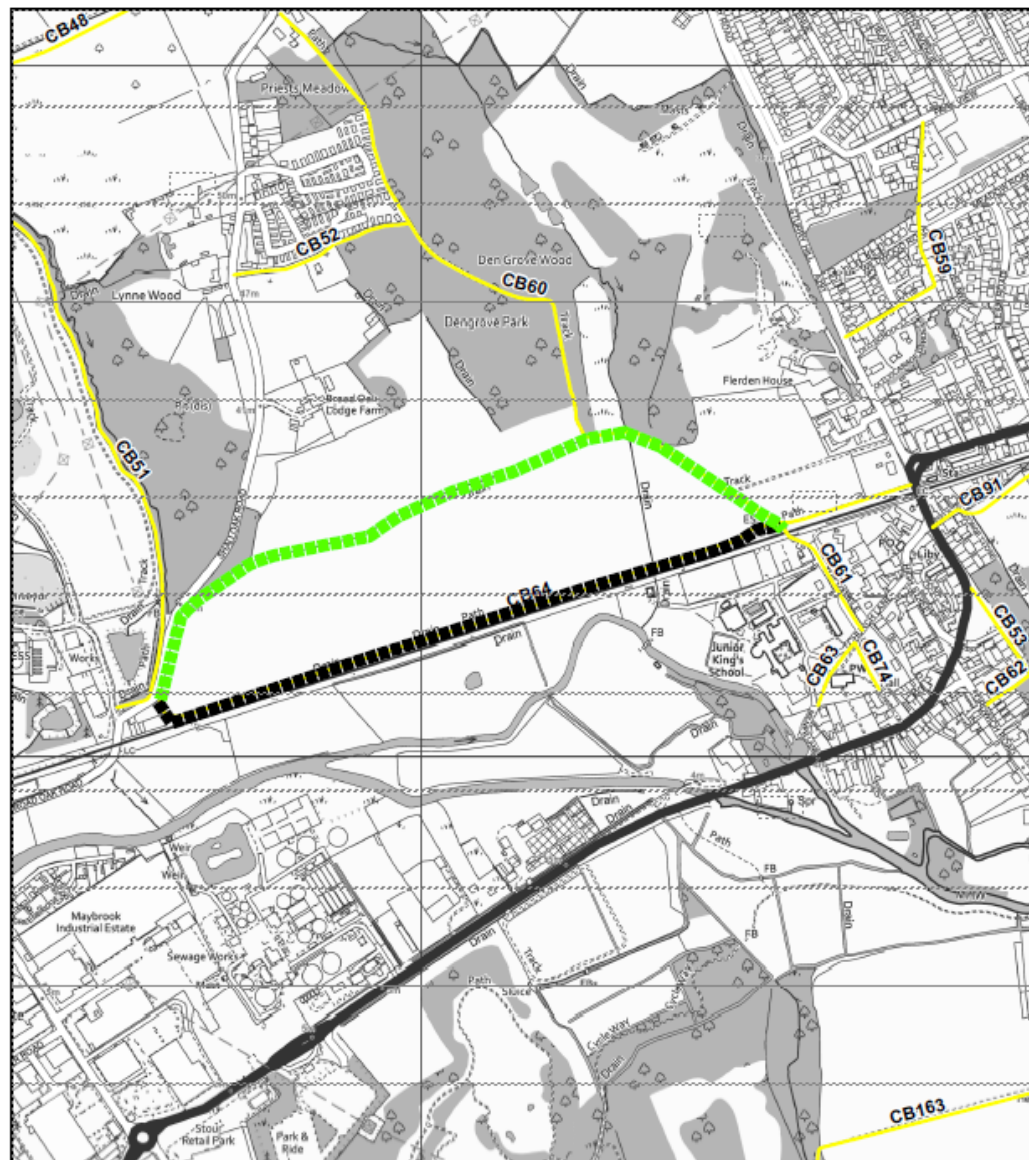
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Public Right of Way CB64 Pedestrian Diversion Route

During the closure of the Public Right of Way CB64, please follow the alternative pedestrian diversion route, as shown on the drawing below:



Key		Footpath CB64 Sturry Closure Plan	
	Public Footpath	Produced by the KCC Public Rights of Way and Access Service Please note: this map extract is not a legal record of the alignment or existence of a public right of way. No measurements should be taken from it. © Crown Copyright and database right 2020. Ordnance Survey 100019238	
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	Byway Open to All Traffic		
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Construction programme

- Start of works – spring 2026
- Piling commencement – early summer 2026
- **Start concreting bridge piers – summer 2026**
- Start of bridge beam installation – autumn 2026
- Final bridge beam installation – summer 2027
- A28 roundabout works – autumn 2027
- End of works – summer 2028



Community Engagement

Now that the schools are back from the summer break, we will be looking at opportunities to get involved in careers fairs and other activities.

We have already begun conversations to support [Westbere Sailing Opportunities](#) and [Invicta East Kent Athletics Club](#) where we can. We also have one eye on the skies as we prepare for a team volunteering event at the [Wildwood Trust](#).



Any questions?

If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact the team using the details below:

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If you have a specific issue you would like to discuss, you are welcome to visit the site compound in person, but please contact us in advance to arrange a suitable day and time.



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