

DOVER FASTRACK – PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Dates for the Diary:



There will be a Dover Fastrack public drop-in session on **Wednesday 20th July 2022** from 12 midday to 2pm in the Brave Room, at Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Honeywood Parkway, Dover CT16 3PJ. The Project Team will be available to answer any queries you may have. If you are not able to attend the session, please email our dedicated Public Liaison Officer with any questions you may have about the project, you will find contact details at the bottom of this newsletter.

What has been happening?

Section 1 Tesco Roundabout to A2

The site compound is now fully established adjacent to the Tesco roundabout. Narrow lane traffic management and a temporary speed limit of 50mph has been installed along the A2 between the Whitfield Roundabout and the A256 interchange. This will provide sufficient working space to build the bridge abutments safely behind temporary safety barriers, whilst maintaining two lanes of traffic in both directions.

Archaeology and targeted Unexploded Ordnance surveys have been completed within the construction areas on both sides of the A2. A World War One training trench was found north of the A2 and this will be retained and protected as part of these works.



Section 2 B&Q Roundabout to Dover Road

Works are progressing well along this section with highway drainage and



the foundation layers installed along about 2/3 of the road and kerbs completed up to where the Public Right of Way ER60 crosses the new road. Drainage basins and soakaways, which will provide attenuation areas and outfalls to the underlying chalk for the drainage system have also been built adjacent to the new road. Construction of the new footway/cycleway along the southern side of the road has also commenced.

A badger sett located to the south of Frith Farm has been protected with an exclusion zone around it to ensure no harm is caused to the badgers during construction works. Colas are also working closely with the local farmer to ensure livestock are protected during the construction works.



Looking Ahead

Section 1 Tesco Roundabout to A2

Works will commence to install new highway drainage along the southern side of the A2 and to prepare the area of the bridge foundation ready for the installation of the piled foundation. A new construction access will be formed on the eastbound carriageway of the A2 to provide access for construction vehicles to the land to the north of the A2. This will allow initial removal of the topsoil and drainage works to be started in this area. Deliveries will be carefully managed to ensure there are no delays to traffic along the A2 and to minimise any disturbance to the neighbouring properties in Newlands.

Section 2 B&Q Roundabout to Dover Road

Works will continue on the construction of the new road with the tarmac layers laid and the new footway/cycleway created along approximately half of the road up to where Public Right of Way ER60 crosses the new road. Drainage works and road construction continue eastwards to the tie-in with Dover Road. Works to divert the existing water main in Dover Road will also be started by Affinity Water. Cattle proof fencing will also be installed by a locally appointed contractor.

Section 3 Dover Road

The planned road widening of Dover Road will commence on 25th July under a road closure. Works have been planned to coincide with the school summer holidays and will be carried out in phases to minimise disruption and to maintain access for residents. See further details below

Traffic Management updates

Narrow lanes traffic management with reduced speed limit of 50mph has been installed on the A2 between the Whitfield roundabout and the A256 Interchange. These will be in place until at least December 2022. An emergency free breakdown recovery service is being provided whilst the narrow lanes are in place via a dedicated 24hr number 07974 617256.

Access arrangements for residents and businesses of Dover Road and Burgoyne Heights will be via 24hr Traffic Management control. Gate keepers will be located at both closure points to liaise with a floating TM escort service who will facilitate safe access through the works where required. In case of an Emergency the dedicated 24 hr Traffic Safety and Control Officer can be contacted on **07974 617256**.

Dover Road: Phase 1 – 24/7 road closure of Dover Road between The Street, Guston and Burgoyne Heights from 9.30am on 25th July to midnight 22nd August. There will be no vehicle access to Dover Road from Old Charlton Road during this road closure.

Phase 2 – 24/7 road closure of Dover Road between Burgoyne Heights and A258 Castle Hill Road from 9.30am on 7th September to midnight 28th September.



Figure 1: Dover Road Phase 1 Traffic Management

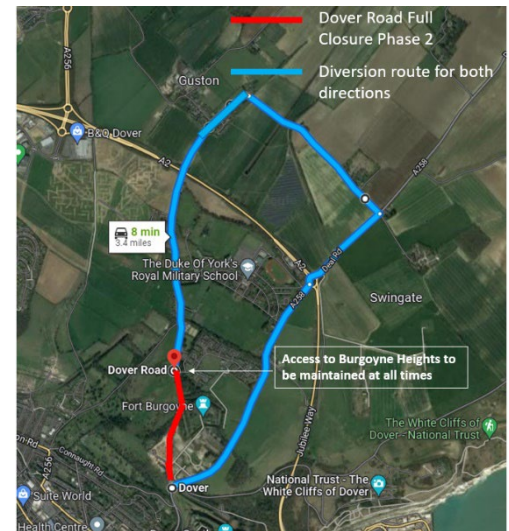


Figure 2: Dover Road Phase 2 Traffic Management

The alternative route for any through traffic is via The Lane, Guston, A258 Deal Road or Castle Hill Road. See diagrams showing the planned closures and diversion routes.

Celebrations

On Thursday 7th July Colas Dover Fastrack colleagues supported the southeast leg of The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay in collaboration with Dover District Council by providing several street marshals to line the route from Deal Pier to Walmer Castle, cheering on the baton bearers with the crowds having fun in the sun. It was wonderful to see so many of you along the route.



Want to know more?

If you want to learn more about planned activities, get involved in community events or take advantage of free training opportunities, please call or text our dedicated Public Liaison Officer on 07799 835379 or email PLODoverFT@colas.co.uk or sign up to Dover District Council's 'Keep Me Posted' service at www.dover.gov.uk or view Kent County Council website at www.kent.gov.uk



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