



The A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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Drone image showing progress of the A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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Dear stakeholder,

Since our last update, the construction team has continued to make good progress with the building of the support structures that will hold the new bridge over the A249. The team has also adjusted the way they work to make sure disruption is minimised as much as possible while Network Rail begin a programme of urgent repairs to the nearby Kingsferry Bridge. We will continue to monitor the effect of our traffic management and listen to public feedback.

Traffic Management Update

The northbound A249 exit slip road, heading towards the Isle of Sheppey, is currently closed. We are undertaking realignment works on the existing slip road which are needed to remove the roundabout north of the bridge. The northbound A249 exit slip road will reopen to one lane each time the Kingsferry Bridge closures are in place.

Since the week of June 10, there has been 24/7 two-way temporary traffic lights on various sections of the Iwade-bound Grovehurst Road to allow us to carry out drainage works, remove the roundabout, install drainage ducts and other construction works.

Details of upcoming road closures on Swale Way and the southbound A249 exit slip road will be provided in a traffic management update as soon as these are confirmed.

Drop-In Session

The next drop-in session will be June 25 from 12pm to 1pm, followed by an evening session on July 16 from 6pm to 7pm.

People are welcome to come along to either of these community drop-in sessions to learn more and ask questions about the project.





Current and Upcoming Works

New bridge over the A249

The walls that will support the new bridge over the A249 have now been installed and are made from reinforced concrete. We are currently filling the back of the walls and installing drainage systems ready for the second phase of their construction.

Highways

Utility company SGN has completed the relocation of gas pipes on the north side of the site, towards Iwade, where a new roundabout will be located providing housing access. We are also ready to start building the kerb in this area. Lighting and sign clearance, drainage and earthworks at the northbound A249 exit slip road and existing northern roundabout are ongoing.

Working in our Community

We have been working with the organisers of Iwade Rock festival and the Sheerness Freemason's Summer Spectacular, which are both holding events this summer. To support both communities, we provided financial support for Iwade Rock Fest by funding the purchase of foam fingers for use during the festival and contributed towards the portable toilets for the Summer Spectacular event.

During Volunteers' Week on the June 4, some of our team volunteered at Oasis Academy: Isle of Sheppey's Dementia Café at a networking event hosted by Swale Community and Voluntary Services (SCVS). The event took place at Swallows Leisure Centre in Sittingbourne.





Jackson PLOs at Volunteers Week with the Dementia Café team from Oasis Academy.

Kind regards,

The project team.

For more information about the Grovehurst Road Project, please visit: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects/in-progress-road-projects/A249-Grovehurst-Road> on the Kent County Council website.

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