

COVID-19 Emergency Active Travel Fund

Promoting walking and cycling facilities

Revised scheme



A290 St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury

Carriageway Resurfacing And Footway Improvements

What are we planning to do?

Kent County Council are planning to upgrade the existing carriageway surface and renew the lining on St Dunstan's Street between the level crossing and the Westgate Towers junction as part of a wider highway scheme on the A290. The scheme involves resurfacing the carriageway and providing a new buff coloured carriageway treatment. As part of the government's Covid-19 related Active Travel Fund, we will also be doing an experimental widening of the south western footway between the Zebra Crossing and the North Lane mini roundabout to give pedestrians more space in this busy area, and at the bus stop outside Curtain Call. We will also be closing the end of Kirby's lane at the junction with St Dunstons Street to motor traffic, effectively turning it into a cul-de-sac and removing the parking bays outside the new multi-storey car park in Station Road West to provide an additional bus stop to improve the interchange with the rail services. The loading bay will remain as this is important for local businesses.

When will the work start and how long will it take?

The works will be phased and take around **8 nights** to complete. **Phase 1** commencing **07th September 2020**, between the off-peak hours **8pm to 4am for four nights**. **Phase 2** commencing the following week **15th September 2020** for **four consecutive nights**. This type of work can be affected by bad weather, so if it is not possible for us to carry it out at this time, we will arrange a new date and let you know via a letter drop to your home. We will also put up signs along the road, before we start, showing the date we plan to start work.

How will we carry out the works and how will it affect you?

The majority of the works to be undertaken will be on the carriageway and will require traffic to be managed to maintain safety of our contractors. The works that do affect the traffic will be undertaken using **nighttime road closures with temporary traffic diversion signs** to allow our contractor a safe area within which to carry out construction. We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality. Diversion routes and notification of upcoming closures will be provided prior to works. If your vehicle is usually parked on the carriageway or your vehicle access is within the works area, please make sure you park it somewhere else away from the site whilst the works are carried out.

Why do we want to do this work?

Kent County Council (KCC), as Highway Authority, have a duty under Section 41(1) of the Highways Act 1980 to make sure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure that the roads and pavements are safe for all users. Under the Equalities Act 2010 KCC has a duty to have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. Therefore, it has become necessary to take action to deal with this issue.

Keeping you and our staff safe

We want to complete the works as quickly as we can and without causing you too much inconvenience. **So please respect our workers' space and safety by driving carefully and slowly through the roadworks.** Feedback from our workers shows that too many drivers go too fast through roadworks. Everyone is entitled to a safe workplace and our staff work next to moving traffic and risk injury every day to maintain and improve the highway for everyone.

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