



The Bath Street Bus Lane Contraflow Project

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BATH STREET BUS LANE CONTRAFLOW

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Dear Stakeholder,

We are happy to inform you that the Bath Street Bus Lane project is going on well and we are optimistic the project will be delivered in time. As you may be aware, activities are now concentrated around the Bath Street/New Road junction due to the preliminary works for the installation of the BT Chamber. We are understanding of the inconveniences these works are causing; however, we continue to ask that you exercise more patience.

Progress Update:

Phase 3 and 4 of the works are going on concurrently. On the Southern section, traffic management moving Taxis's to contraflow traffic with north bound traffic has been set. We have removed existing paving slabs, cold milled existing carriageway, carried out drainage, and lighting works and ducting, UKPN works, removed the Central Reservation and narrow it to make space for the new Bus Lane.

Other activities we have undertaken in the last month and going on include; footpath ducting works and removal of existing asphalt footpath surfacing, excavating to expose services, isolate, and diverting cables out of excavation footprint under BT supervision.

UKPN activities are also ongoing in the background regarding DNO disconnections and diversion civils work (Trenching and Joint Bay).

SGN carried out the works to divert gas main east corner of New Road and Bath Street.

Set traffic management closing taxi lane. (Contraflow traffic to be set on Bath Street, with Taxi access maintained from church Street/West Street).



Project Timescale

The project is in 3 phases.

Phase 1 – Road widening on the West side.

Works on footpaths, kerbs, laying of binders, surfaces, and tactile pavers to be completed by mid-August.

Phase 2 – Continuation of Kerb Laying to West side.

Continuation of footpath removal and reinstatement to tarmac surfacing of the footpath and carriageway to continue.

Removal and reconstruction of the Central Reservation.

Phase 3 - Road Widening on the East side and works on the Central Section, and BT Chamber.

Phase 4 – Reinstate Central Reservation islands, and resurface main Carriageway.

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Upcoming works:

In the coming weeks before Christmas, we will be looking at setting traffic management to limit north and southbound traffic to a single lane, so as to enable team members work in the centre of the road. We will also be completing the remaining part of Footpath adjacent to Clifton Road.

Major works will commence on January 24 to the BT Chamber installation on the corner of Bath Street and New Road these will include excavating to expose services using vac Ex. Isolating and diverting cables out of excavation footprint under BT supervision, Installing UKPN cable protection Plates, UKPN Cable installation, High Voltage Cable Jointing, Installing service protection deck to BT chamber, demolition of the existing BT Chamber, excavation for the new chamber and construction of a new reinforced concrete BT chamber.

There will be traffic management plan closing taxi lane installed. Contraflow traffic to be set on Bath St with Taxi access maintained from Church St/West St.

Other activities will include:

- Saw cutting existing pavement.
- Cold milling of pavement at location of new kerbs
- Laying kerbs - Concrete to be used to fill void between kerb and pavement.
- Laying tactile paving.
- Setting draw pits over existing ductwork.
- Setting NAL sockets for signals.
- Altering cover levels to new levels.
- Laying surface course to island
- Reinstating deterrent paving.
- Installation of signage.



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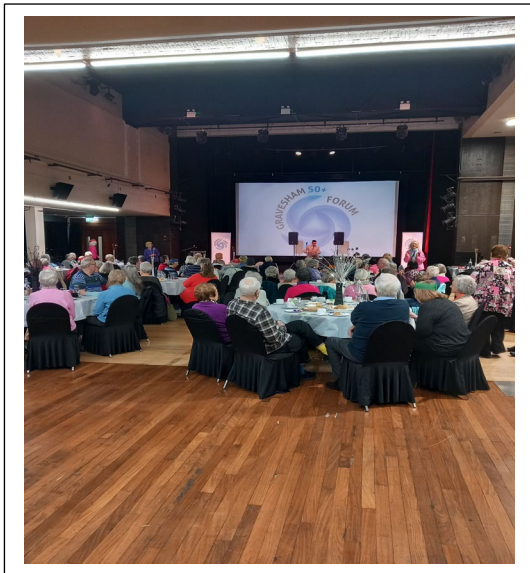
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Social Value Update:

In our usual fashion of identifying with our host communities, the Jackson team at Bath Street joined over 100 members of the Gravesham 50+ Forum to celebrate the season in a Christmas Lunch recently held at the Woodville Civic Centre in Gravesend. Jackson PLOs Shannon and Juliet alongside Dylan attended the event on behalf of the team. Team members on site donated tins of beverages, torchlights, and warm socks to be given out alongside a Christmas Hamper donated by Jackson as the grand prize of a raffle draw. It was fulfilling to see members of the forum warm up to Christmas songs rendered by Bronte School pupils and Gravesham's very own Chris Till who was present to give a wonderful performance of Christmas songs and special song requests by members.



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End of Year Notice.

Finally, we would like to inform you that activities on site will be placed on hold from the evening of Thursday **21/12/2023** until Tuesday **02/01/2024**. We will be embarking on a Christmas break during this period and will not be able to respond to any enquiries at that time. However, as soon as the break is over, every enquiry will be responded to, and stakeholders will be informed of any new plans and traffic management updates.

Crews will be carrying out routine maintenance of the Traffic Management throughout the Christmas period.

Kind Regards,

The Project Team

For more information about the Bath Street Contraflow Bus Lane, please visit the KCC website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects/in-progress-road-projects/bath-street-fastrack-bus-lane>

For any further enquiries, please send an email to Bathstreetfastrack@kent.gov.uk.

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