## The Bath Street Bus Lane Contraflow Project

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New Central Reservation beginning to take shape.

## BATH STREET BUS LANE CONTRAFLOW

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We hope you are keeping well.
The last time we wrote to you, we updated you about the activities now concentrated around the Bath Street/New Road junction due to the preliminary works for the installation of the BT Chamber and works on the central reservation.

We understand that commuting via the junction has not been easy with the traffic management in place. However, we are optimistic that with the progress we are making, the works will be completed as scheduled. We therefore ask that you continue to bear with us through this period as we do our best to deliver the scheme on time.

## Progress Update:

As you may already be aware, we are carrying out phase 3 and phase 4 works simultaneously and the activities may overlap. This January, phase 3 works continued on the southern section.

Due to the presence of many services discovered during the digging of trial holes, our team members are still locating unknown cables for removal. We have installed the crash deck to BT chamber, commenced installation of chamber temporary works ground support, and laid binder course for the footpath.

In the northern section, we are continuing with deterrent paving, kerbing, paving, laying surface course to footpath, and working on new crossings and signals.

## Project Timescale

## The project is in 4 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 mainCarriageway.


## Upcoming works:

In the coming month, we will be focusing on the following activities on the southern section:

- Continue with BT chamber temporary works ground support.
- Demolish existing BT chambers and dig for new chamber installation.
- Excavate for new pavement, form base for Taxi rank screen.
- Erect Taxi rank screen
- Lay ducting for signals and lighting
- Remove redundant chambers.

In the northern section, we will continue with deterrent paving, kerb laying and paving, signals and crossings works. Surfacing, white lines ?

Site Photos of Works in Progress:


## Upcoming Traffic Management:

From the $26^{\text {th }}$ of February 2024 until the $1^{\text {st }}$ of March 2024, there will be nighttime closures to enable us carry out surfacing and lining works to the northern half of the scheme. We will be sending a formal notice alongside diversion routes for this closure in a separate letter.

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Please be informed that we are always open to questions and enquiries regarding the project, and we will do our best to respond to such as soon as possible. The cordial relationships we have established during this project are important to us, and we are hopeful that our community engagement activities will continue to benefit stakeholders and residents of Gravesend.

We are still exploring opportunities to liaise with local schools to support educational activities that promote the interest of pupils in construction and Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) activities.

We will continue to keep you updated on our progress and any change in schedule to the works.
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

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