Albion Street, Broadstairs

Introduction of a pedestrian / cycle zone & bus gate to encourage active travel

What are we planning to do?

- Introduce a pedestrian and cycle zone on Albion Street and Harbour Street between Albion Street car park and its junction with High Street. The zone will operate between the hours of 10am-10pm (except buses, taxis and for access).
- Implement a bus gate on Albion Street between the junctions of Alexandra Road and Harbour Street. This means that there will be no through traffic except for buses, taxis and cycles. The bus gate will be in force 24/7, seven days a week.

The above measures will also help reduce congestion/pollution, in addition to improving cycle parking facilities.

When will the work start?

Installation is currently programmed to commence on 07/09/2020, and will take up to 1 week to complete.

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

A temporary road closure will be required between Alexandra Road and Harbour Street lasting up to 2 days. The remainder of the scheme will be carried out using local traffic management through a combination of temporary traffic signals, signing and guarding. Access will be maintained wherever safe to do so.

Why do we want to do this work?

The UK Government has made £1.6m of funding available to Kent County Council to provide new or improve existing walking and cycling facilities in order to promote active travel as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This money needs to be spent by mid-September (within 8 weeks of being awarded), which means we have not been able to carry out the levels of engagement and consultation that we normally would.

Please be assured that these measures are initially planned to be temporary (for up to 18 months) and will continue to be monitored throughout the trial period before any final decisions as to their long-term implementation are made.

How to get in touch

For further information or to find out more please call us on 03000 41 81 81 and ask to speak to a member of the Schemes Planning & Delivery team. Alternatively you can email the team directly on activetravelfund@kent.gov.uk

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