



The Bath Street Bus Lane Contraflow Project

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Bath Street - BT Chamber now completed!

BATH STREET BUS LANE CONTRAFLOW









Dear Stakeholder,

Since our last newsletter to you, we have made significant progress in our efforts to meet the project's deadline. We are grateful for your understanding and patience as the project faced delays. We anticipate that within the coming weeks, the project will be completed, allowing commuters to resume their normal routines with some localised traffic management still in place for final commissioning and snagging works.

Progress Update:

We have now completed the BT chamber works, ducting, utility pits and kerbing to the SE corner. In the weeks remaining to the end of the scheme, we will be completing paving, street furniture, lighting columns and UKPN will complete works on power supplies to the southeast corner. We will switch the existing temporary taxi rank to continue work on the central island, which include installation of ducting and utility pits, and laying kerbs.

When we have finished all surfacing to roads and footpaths, then the scheme will be commissioned. We will pull out all stops on site to get buses running on Sunday 7th July 2024, there will be minimal presence on site to take care of final finishes and then we will demobilise shortly after.

Traffic Management:

As you may already be aware, there is an upcoming nighttime road closure on Bath Street to enable us carry out the remaining surfacing and lining works to the southern half of the scheme, including Darnley Road and New Road Junction. This closure will be happening from **28th June 2024 until 5th July 2024 between 8:00pm – 05:00am**.

During this period, traffic approaching New Road from Darnley Road will be diverted left onto Overcliffe, Thames Way and via West Street. Access to Stuart Road will remain open during this time as an alternative route for general traffic, excluding buses. We will maintain access to the hospital and taxi rank. Taxis pick up will be by the back entrance to the St Georges Shopping Centre and will divert north to West Street via Bath Street. Pedestrians will still be able to access the temporary taxi rank from the south as usual via footpaths. The north end of the roundabout will be closed but will allow taxis and traffic to exit from residences and businesses on Bath Street.









Working in the Community:

In pursuing one of our company objectives of securing the future of the construction industry by promoting Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) and advocating for Apprenticeship and Technical Education as viable options in building a career pathway, Public Liaison Officer Juliet, and site Engineer Liam, recently completed a career talk session with students of the Engineering Society in Gravesend Grammar School. The session aimed to expose students to the various roles and career paths in Civil Engineering, as well as current industry requirements for apprenticeship and employment.





Public Liaison Officer Juliet and Site Engineer Liam engaging students of the Engineering Society in a career talk at Gravesend Grammar School.

Kind regards,

The Project Team.



