



THE A249 GROVEHURST ROAD SCHEME CONTRACT
- BY KENT COUNTY COUNCIL



CONTRACTOR – JACKSON CIVIL ENGINEERING

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Dear Stakeholder,

We are pleased to announce that Jackson Civil Engineering has been awarded the **A249 Grovehurst Road Scheme** contract by Kent County Council. The project involves the creation of a gyratory system above the existing A249, including the construction of a new overbridge. The works will involve alteration of the slip roads and approach roads to the junction, numerous service diversions, change of traffic signals, lighting, and major earthwork operations.

We are committed to delivering this project on time and within budget whilst maintaining our clients' relationships and reputation. This will be achieved by engaging with stakeholders to build and maintain trust and relationships, from pre-construction to delivery, through to post construction. We will be sending out periodic newsletters to keep you updated on our progress and our activities within the community. Also, we have open communication lines purposely for liaising with you for a mutually beneficial relationship throughout the duration of the project.

Project Timelines and Traffic Management Plan

Since the contract was awarded, pre-construction works have already commenced. Main works are planned to start on site by the end of July once our site compound is completed and the team moves in on the week commencing 17th of July. The entire works is proposed to be completed by the end of Autumn 2024.

We will constantly keep stakeholders informed of major milestones reached in the project timeline, as well as regular and advance notices on traffic management plans as the works progress. We hope that this approach will help stakeholders and members of the public plan their journeys well in advance.

Preconstruction Activities:

Advance preconstruction works undertaken on site by KCC include the following:

- Archaeological investigations carried out between April 2022 and May 2023 involved striping proposed areas of topsoil and subsoil under archaeological supervision. The areas were hand excavated and any exposed archaeological features were recorded. Several archaeological features were identified, but there were no significant finds.
- In the Autumn of 2022, Reptiles were trapped and translocated from the West side of the scheme to the Iwade Nature Reserve. Earlier in July, another batch of Reptiles were trapped and also translocated from the East side of the Scheme to the Iwade Nature Reserve.
- Advanced vegetation clearance works were completed across the site in February 2023.
- In April 2023, Water vole were trapped and translocated from the East side of the scheme.





Environmental Enhancement works at Iwade Nature Park

To support the translocation of reptiles, KCC carried out various environmental enhancement works at Iwade Nature Park. These included creating Hibernacula, scrub thinning, planting, and grass seeding.

KCC also installed a sign at the park showing visitors the reptiles that had been found at the reserve and detail of the Hibernacula that they would be able to see.

Iwade Nature Reserve



Reptiles found here



Common lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*)

Common lizards are small, brown in colour with rows of darker stripes or spots down the side and back. They are only 10 - 15cm long, and quick moving, hunting insects to eat.



Slow worm (*Anguis fragilis*)

Slow worms are often mistaken for snakes but they are actually "legless lizards". They are usually small reaching a maximum of 50cm in length, they have very smooth, pale brown/golden skin.



Grass snake (*Natrix helvetica*)

Grass snakes are non-venomous, green in colour with a yellow and black collar. They can grow up to 1.5m long. They play dead when threatened by one of their many predators!

Hibernaculum



What?

Hibernacula is a refuge area for animals to use for protection. Artificial ones are made of different materials such as bricks and wood, and covered with soil, to create a mound of different materials with lots of gaps in between.

When?

Reptiles need heat from the sun in order to be active, and when temperatures drop in winter they slow down a lot. This is when they will use all the gaps between the wood and bricks of a hibernaculum to shelter from the cold and stay safe until spring.

Why?

Nine reptile hibernacula have been built along this footpath, to provide more sheltering for the reptiles living at Iwade Nature Reserve, and help in their conservation.

Who?

The reptile species found at Iwade Nature Reserve will use these hibernacula for sheltering. But they aren't the only ones!

Small mammals such as field voles, wood mice and hedgehogs will also shelter and nest here.

Amphibians such as common frogs, smooth newts, palmate newts and great crested newts will breed in the ponds nearby, and shelter in these hibernacula over the winter.

Invertebrates such as beetles, spiders and bees will also shelter and nest in the hibernacula. Small insects are valuable as food for the reptiles and amphibians, and the bees will help pollination across the reserve, for example in the nearby orchard!





Social Value

Social Value is how we give back to host communities of our projects with acts of Corporate Social Responsibility. It is a major aspect of Jackson's commitment to clients and stakeholders, and we will be giving regular updates of what we are doing to make a difference in the host community of this project. We have a history of working with local bodies to provide social value recruitment opportunities split across apprenticeships, graduates, or industrial training placements as best suits local ambitions. All opportunities will be based on site for the entire 59-week programme.

We will also be rolling out STEM activities for students and pupils of schools in our host community thereby encouraging interests in the construction industry and related professions. Details of our activities will be included in subsequent newsletters as the project progresses, and we hope to keep communication lines open and accessible to all.

Finally, it is important to state that we know the inconveniences that come with construction and road works, and we understand how these inconveniences can affect lives and businesses. We implore you to bear with us throughout the works, as we will always have your interest at heart and try to make these inconveniences manageable.

Until the next update, Good Luck, and Best Wishes!

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For more information about the Grovehurst Road Project, please visit: [A249 Grovehurst Road and Key Street - Kent County Council](#) on the KCC website.

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