

Highway improvements in your area



Kent Street, Mereworth Junction Improvement

What we plan to do – Active Travel Scheme

Kent County Council (KCC) are planning to upgrade Kent Street and A228 Malling Road junction in Maidstone to signal controlled.

The scheme will include: -

- Install traffic signals at the junctions on Kent Street and Malling Road to improve turning in and out of the road.
- Widen the carriageway along Malling Road from the junction at Kent Street to Beech Road. This is to aid HGVs travelling along the road and vehicles turning in to Kent Street.
- Provide a push button pedestrian crossing facility on Malling Road near the junction of Kent Street.
- Provide a new crossing point with tactile paving at Beech Road
- Relocate existing utility services and a new hedgerow to suit the new road layout
- Provide a 2.5 metre wide footway on the western side of the Malling Road towards Kings Hill and
- Install two new bus stops to the north of Kent Street – one on either side of Malling Road.

When we plan to carry out the work and how long it will take

The work will be phased and take around **40 weeks** to complete, commencing on **17th February 2025**, between the hours of **09:30** and **15:30** using temporary lights. Nighttime closure works will be required to complete resurfacing works and buried services connection between the hours of **20:00** and **05:00**. Beech Road and Kent Street (w) arms will be closed during the main works starting March 31st to scheme completion in November 2025.

A breakdown of the works is available in the table 1 below. An updated version of the works programme will be made available online <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects> during construction to capture changes to phases or dates.

Table 1: Works Programme

Phases	Section	Traffic Management		Works Dates
		Temporary Lights	Nighttime Closure	
1	Enabling works - Hedgerow part-removal and trial holes	Mobile working only 9.30am to 3.30pm	n/a	17 th – 23 rd February 2025
2	A228 Malling Road between Kent Street (e) and Property No. 212	3-way temp lights 2 no. ped lights	n/a	March 31 st to 22 nd June 2025
3A	A228 Malling Road between Kent Street (w) and Beech Road	n/a	n/a	June 22 nd to 22 nd September 2025
3B	A228 Malling Road between Kent Street (w) and Beech Road	3-way temp lights 2 no. ped lights	n/a	22 nd September to 30 th November 2025
4	Road Crossings – ducting for signals or utility services and High Friction Surfacing		Kent Street (w), Beech Road and A228 Malling Road – closed	TBC (phase 2 or 3B)
5	Traffic Signals / Utility Diversion installations	3-way temp lights	n/a	22 nd September to October 2025
6	Road Markings	4-way temp lights	n/a	22 nd September to October 2025

This type of work can be affected by bad weather, so if it is not possible for us to carry it out at this time, we will arrange a new date and let you know via a letter drop to your home. We will also install signs along the road, before we start, showing the date we plan to start work.

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

The works will be undertaken using **temporary traffic signals** and a **road closure** to give our contractor a safe area within which to carry out construction. A diversion route will be signed for any closure planned as part of the works.

Why are we doing this work?

The existing junction has very poor visibility for vehicles wishing to turn out onto the A228 Malling Road. The existing carriageway width makes it very tight when large vehicles pass each other, any incidents on this route can cause a high-level of disruption to the surrounding road network.

The scheme aims to improve the junction allowing vehicles to turn in to and out of Kent Street more easily. The scheme will also provide improved footway and cycling facilities along Malling Road as well as signalised pedestrian crossings.

Further information on this scheme and other Kent County Council's Active Travel schemes can be found on the links below: -

[Road projects - Kent County Council](#)

How you can help us

We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality. We want to complete the works as quickly as we can and without causing you too much inconvenience. If your vehicle is usually parked on the carriageway, please make sure you park it somewhere else away from the site whilst the works are carried out.

For your safety and the safety of our workforce, please drive carefully and slowly through the roadworks.

Feedback from our workers shows that too many drivers go too fast through roadworks. Everyone is entitled to a safe workplace and our staff work next to moving traffic and risk injury every day to maintain and improve the highway for everyone.

How to contact us?

For further information or to find out more about what we do please visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways where you can also report a fault on any of our roads across Kent. You can find us on Twitter [@KentHighways](#). You can also view our diversion/permit details at www.one.network. Alternatively, you can call us on **03000 41 81 81**.

We often ask residents to fill in a short feedback survey online at www.kent.gov.uk/roadworkssurvey.

WARNING – Beware Bogus Callers

Kent County Council Highways, Transportation and Waste do not allow works to be carried out on private properties. If anyone says they are working for us or our specialist contractors and offer to carry out any work for cash, they should be treated with caution. We advise you to contact Citizen's Advice on 03444 111 444 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)

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