Faversham Cross Town – Active Travel



Lower Road to Recreation Ground

What we plan to do – Active Travel Scheme

Kent County Council are planning to provide a new active travel (walking & wheelchair) route between Lower Road and William Street, Faversham. The proposal also includes new zebra crossings at South Road junction with Lower Road and Newton Road junction with Napleton Road. The works will also upgrade the lighting of the junctions.

The scheme will include: -

- Amendment of parking restrictions on South Road, Bank Street and Newton Road.
- Installation of new bus stop cages markings (operating Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm).
- New footway buildouts and raised table junctions at Wallers Road, Lion Field, Cressway, Beech Close, Lower Road, Tanner Street, Napleton Road, Bank Street, Newton Road and William Street.
- New zebra pedestrian crossing on South Road and Newton Road.
- New speed cushions on Lower Road.
- New carriageway narrowing at St Marys Road, St Johns Road and Park Road.
- New trees and bench added to enhance the pedestrian environment.

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

The work will be phased and take around **28 weeks (to be confirmed)** to complete, commencing on **03rd June 2024** (excluding weekends), between the hours of **08:00** and **16:00** using temporary lights. Nighttime closure works will be required to complete resurfacing works between the hours of **20:00** and **04:00**.

A breakdown of the works is available in the table 1 below.

Table 1: Works Programme

	Section	Traffic Management	Works Dates
Phase 1	Lower Road junctions with Wallers Road, Cress Way, Lion Field and Beech Street	3-way temp lights Night time Road Closure	03 rd June to 1 st October 2024 1 night closure for each junction
Phase 2	William Street junction with St Marys Road, St Johns Road and Park Road	3-way temp lights Road Closure	TBC
Phase 3	South Road junction with Tanner Street	3-way temp lights Road Closure	TBC
Phase 4	South Road junction with Napleton Road	2-way temp lights Road Closure	TBC
Phase 5	Ospringe Road junction with St Anns Road and Lower Road	3-way temp lights Road Closure	TBC
Phase 6	Newton Road junction with Gatefield Lane	2-way temp lights Road Closure	TBC
Phase 7	Bank Street junction with Cross Lane	2-way temp lights Road Closure	ТВС
Phase 8	Outstanding Items	2-way temp lights	ТВС

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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.

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 government launched a series of funding opportunities for schemes that would increase walking and wheelchair use (active travel). A high priority was placed on schemes that would reallocate road space to encourage active travel.

KCC gathered priorities from Swale Borough Council, the local county councillor(s), and Faversham Town Council to submit a successful bid for funding for a scheme to create improved walking routes to local amenities in the town centre.

The active travel scheme is part of a wider plan to improve general health, support local developments and reduce the reliance of a private car for short trips. Further information on Kent County Council's Active Travel schemes can be found on the link below: -

www.kent.gov.uk/kentactivetravel

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 <u>www.kent.gov.uk/highways</u> 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 <u>www.one.network</u>. Alternatively, you can call us on **03000 41 81 81**. We often ask residents to fill in a short feedback survey online at <u>www.kent.gov.uk/roadworkssurvey</u>.

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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Phase 1Phase 2Cross town route





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