



A249 Key Street Improvement Scheme

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Works progressing on Chestnut Street

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Dear stakeholder,

Works on the Chestnut Street realignment have continued, with the full closure implemented in mid-July.

As always, we continue to maintain pedestrian access through the works. We have also put up signs to help road users navigate the diversion routes.

The works on Chestnut Street are planned to continue until September. We will keep you updated on when the road is set to reopen.

Traffic Management

As you are aware, **from 6am on Monday 11 August until 6pm on Thursday 21 August 2025**, there will be a full closure of the A2 on the Key Street roundabout, restricting access into Sittingbourne via the roundabout.

During this closure, traffic approaching from the A249 northbound, A2 Keycol Hill, and Bobbing Hill will be diverted via Sheppey Way to Bobbing Interchange, then onto the B2006 into Sittingbourne. Traffic heading out of Sittingbourne will still be able to get onto the A249 slip road to Maidstone or use the roundabout to get to Keycole and Bobbing Hill.

These works have been planned during the school holidays to minimise disruption.

To reduce disruption to bus services during the closure, Kent County Council has arranged for shuttle buses to serve the affected stops on the 326/327 route.

The shuttle service will operate Monday to Saturday, from 6am to 7pm, for the duration of the closure.

Project phasing plans

Phase 1c – Sheppey Way works – service crossings and Island construction to commence .

Phase 3 – Sheppey Way – Construction of splitter island.

Phase 2a and 2b – Keycol Hill and Bobbing Hill works – Northern embankment works, utility works and installation of gullies.

Phase 7 – slip-road – Alteration and diversion of UKPN cabling to suit new slip road construction.

Phase 8 – Chestnut Street – general clearance, installation of street lighting ducts and columns, kerbing and footpath works.

Phase 9 – Chestnut Street – disconnection and removal of street furniture, drainage works, kerbing and footpath works continues.

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Progress update and upcoming works:

As Phase 1c progresses on Sheppey Way, traffic management remains in place at Bobbing to allow service crossings and the construction of a new traffic island to continue. We have now started construction of splitter island on Sheppey Way's new alignment, including utility road crossings and pedestrian crossings. These works will continue into August.

Earlier in July, works to phase 4 on Sheppey Way/Key Street included the removal and alteration of kerb lines, carriageway surfacing, installing new drainage and resurfacing footpaths. We also installed new tactile crossing paving and ducting, street lighting and signages. Chestnut Street was closed to enable construction of deep drainage, kerb line alterations, service diversions and improvements to Manor Farm entrance.

Upcoming works

During the upcoming 10-day closure of the A2 at Key Street, utility service providers will be working within our traffic management to divert services from the carriageway to the footpath to enable easier access. We will also continue working on Chestnut Street.

Works to the new slip road area will include altering and diverting UKPN cabling to suit construction of the new slip road from the new Chestnut Street roundabout, and preparation of the area for UKPN diversion in September.

Working in the community

Last month, we supported Borden Sports Association – home to the Borden Village football club and Borden Cricket club - where we helped them to purchase new football nets and a set of cricket balls for the new season.

The chairman of the sports association Clive Sims was happy to receive our donation and looked forward to team members having a more enjoyable time playing.



Kind regards,

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