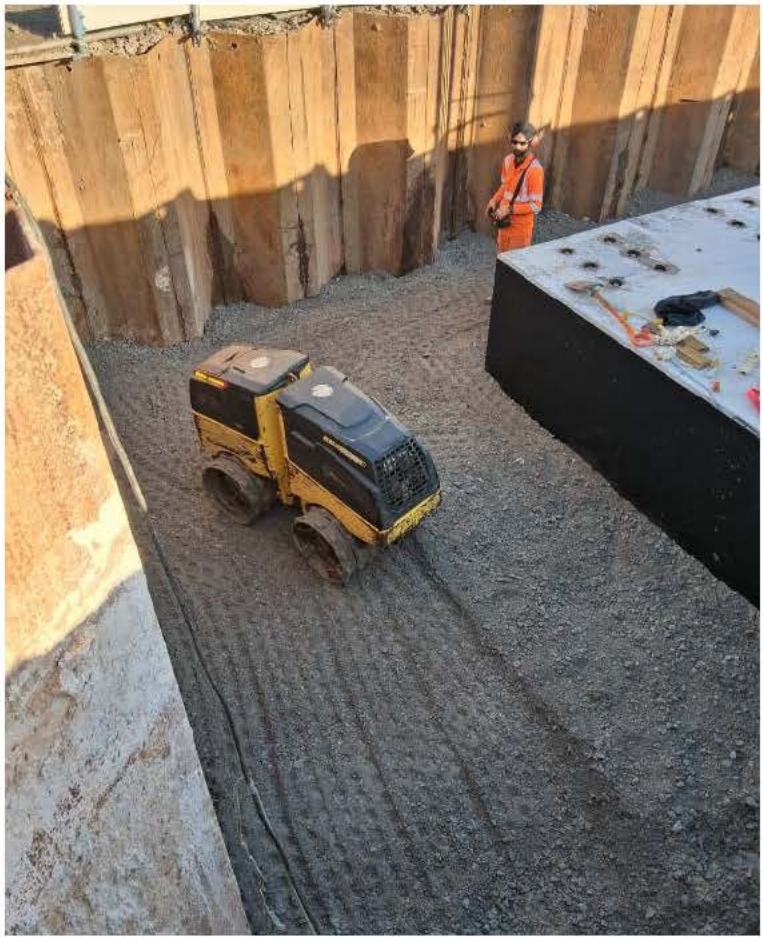
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Introduction

Welcome to our sixth newsletter. We have been busy this month pushing towards completion of the southern approach road, which will connect the new bridge to the A28, alongside work on the bridge's pile caps.

Progress on Site:

Southern approach road



Work is continuing on the southern approach road, where the kerbs have been installed. Teams have also started backfilling in the area around the southern bridge support (abutment). Edging around the pond and along the path is nearly complete and the final sections of drainage are being installed. These works will allow us to lay the first layers of asphalt during November.

Once these are completed, the main activities will focus on the structural side of the works.

Bridge beams completed

The two beams that span the length of the bridge have been fabricated in 18 sections and these are now complete. The beams are having the final checks in preparation for them to be transported to site. Work has already started on site preparing for the first beam delivery later this year.



Pile caps nearing completion

Most of the work to the pile caps is nearing completion. Black Jack, a bitumen paint used for waterproofing concrete is being applied to all the surfaces that will be underground.

Preparing for concrete pours

Rebar, which is steel reinforcement bars placed inside concrete to strengthen it, is being installed for the southern abutment wing walls. Formwork is being prepared, which will surround the rebar and allow concrete to be poured to create the wing walls.







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Shalloak Road site entrance

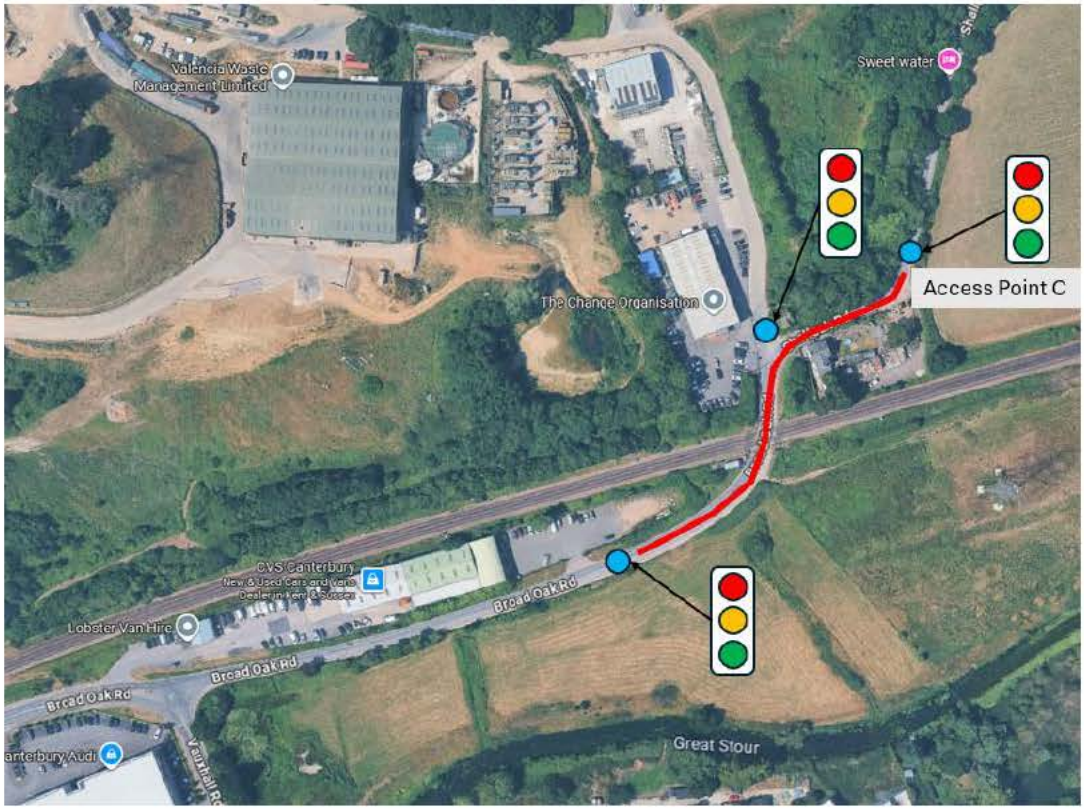
Following the re-opening of Shalloak Road, we have made changes to our site access (referred to as Access Point C – see image below), which may affect some local journeys.

As construction activities increase, we're bringing more materials to site and therefore have increased the number tipper vehicle movements to and from site. This is frequent during our working hours (7.30am-5.00pm Monday to Friday). There are also some infrequent movements of much larger vehicles and equipment being escorted to or from site.

When needed, traffic will be controlled by traffic marshals who may have to pause your journey to bring in or release site vehicles. We may need to introduce three-way traffic signals at a later stage. Our aim is to minimise disruption to passing traffic, so the signals will be green unless site movement is taking place.

We have also cut back vegetation from either side of Shalloak Road where it is needed to make sure visibility and clearance is best for all road users.

We apologise for any inconvenience while this takes place.



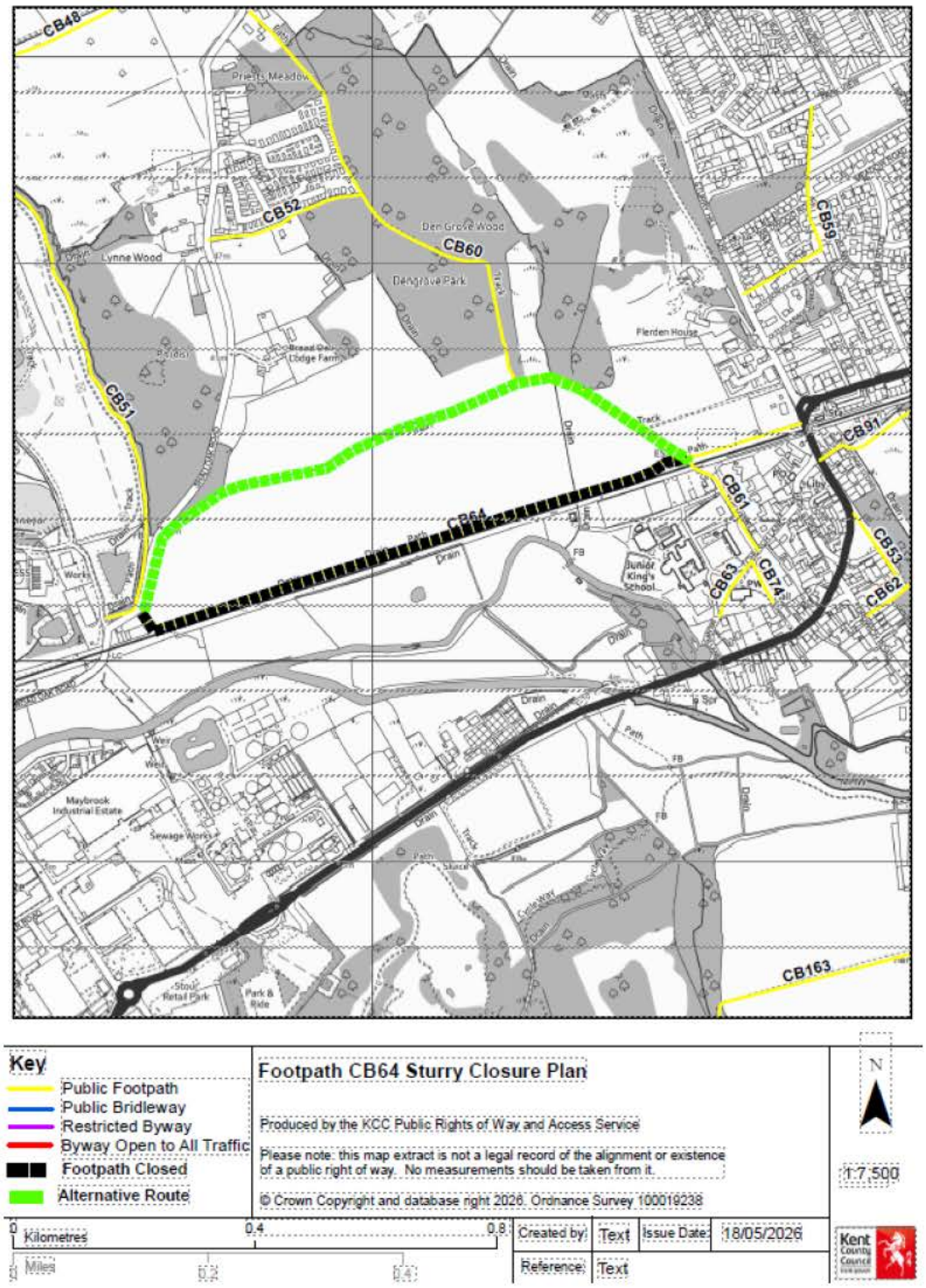
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Public Right of Way CB64 Pedestrian Diversion Route

During the closure of the Public Right of Way CB64, please follow the alternative pedestrian diversion route, as shown on the drawing below:



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Community Engagement

Children's Book Project

"*One in three disadvantaged children across the UK has fewer than ten books of their own at home, and one in ten has none*." – the Children's Book Project.



We have been collecting pre-loved children's books to support the Children's Book Project, a charity which aims to tackle book poverty across the United Kingdom and to give every child the opportunity to own their own book.



We have recently donated 50 books to the charity's drop point at Asda in Canterbury, and will continue to collect and donate throughout the project.

Construction programme



- Start of works – spring 2026
- Piling commencement – early summer 2026
- **Start concreting bridge piers – summer 2026**
- Start of bridge beam installation – winter 2027
- Final bridge beam installation – summer 2027
- A28 roundabout works – autumn 2027
- End of works – summer 2028

Any questions?

If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact the team using the details below:

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If you have a specific issue you would like to discuss, you are welcome to visit the site compound in person, but please contact us in advance to arrange a suitable day and time.