



# The A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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*Aerial view of the new bridge walls and northbound slip roads under construction*

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Dear stakeholder,

We are making progress constructing the new slip roads and bridge. We have taken measures to accommodate the intermittent closures of the Kingsferry Bridge by adjusting our construction schedule, to help reduce congestion as much as possible.

**Traffic Management Schedule**

As per the revised programme, the work schedule below has been provided as a reference. Due to the impactful nature of extensive road works, we are in collaboration with National Highways, Kent County Council Streetworks, and Network Rail to develop traffic management plans in order to minimise disruption. Updates on significant adjustments to this schedule will be sent to stakeholders if things change. We will also give plenty of notice before traffic management measures are brought in.

<b>Upcoming Traffic Management Schedule</b>	<b>Estimated Dates</b>
Full closure of Grovehurst North (towards Iwade)	End of July - Mid-August 2024
B2005 Grovehurst Road – full weekend closure	August 2024
Night closure of southbound A249	August 2024
Night closure of northbound A249	August 2024
Weekend closure of A249 in full using slip roads as diversion. (Installation of bridge deck)	August 2024
Swale Way northbound lane closure	August 2024
Swale Way southbound Lane closure	End of August into September 2024
A249 southbound entry and exit slip road to close	September 2024
Intermittent night closures of the existing bridge	October 2024 - May 2025
All traffic management to be removed from the A249 in both directions	January 2025





A249 southbound entry slip road reopens	February 2025
A249 southbound exit slip road reopens	March 2025
All other roadworks on the new gyratory, Grovehurst Road (north and south) and Swale Way completed	May 2025
Final works off the highway including removal of site compound.	June – July 2025

### Current and Upcoming Works

#### **New bridge over the A249**

We have completed the first stage of backfilling to the newly built bridge walls on both sides of the A249. The drainage system is also completed. Construction of the new bridge beam is currently going on off site.

#### **Highways**

Type 1 subbase on the northern gyratory has been installed to allow kerbing works to commence. Utility cables at the northern gyratory have been exposed and lowered to allow the completion of fill at the Grovehurst road tie in. Lighting and sign clearance, drainage and earthworks at the northbound exit slip road, towards the Isle of Sheppey, and existing northern roundabout are ongoing and will progress into the coming month.

### Working in our Community

On Thursday, June 20, our team went to talk to pupils at Newington Church of England Primary School about engineering and construction. The pupils were excited to learn about the works and asked lots of questions about how to be safe while working on construction sites.

On Thursday, June 27, we also visited Oasis Academy: Isle of Sheppey to talk to more than 300 Year 9 and Year 10 pupils, introducing them to careers in civil engineering and other opportunities that major projects like ours can present and what it's like working for a construction company.

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The presentation was hosted in two sessions, one for each year group. After each the speakers talked about the Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme and answered questions from pupils and teachers.



*Regional Engineer James Cordery and Industrial Placement Quantity Surveyor Bruce Thornton during the career talk at Oasis Academy: Isle of Sheppey*

Kind regards,

The project team.

**For more information about the Grovehurst Road Project, please visit: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/a249grovehurstroad> on the Kent County Council website.**

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