## Pencester Road, Dover Northbound Bus Contraflow



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The work to reconfigure the highway layout at the Maison Dieu Road and Biggin Street junctions is now largely complete with the new signals now installed at both junctions.

UKPN have now completed their works, which now allows us to continue with the remaining works that need to be completed. These include the reconstruction of the carriageway in Pencester Road, the resurfacing of Worthington Street and a section of Maison Dieu Road, and the application of new road markings.

The carriageway works in Pencester Road are planned to start during week commencing 24 February and will take about 6 weeks to complete. The work is being carried out without closing the road but will be split into phases (as per the phasing plan overleaf) to maintain access to bus stops and private accesses. Vehicle access to Pencester Surgery will be maintained during opening hours, with the phase in front of the surgery being undertaken over a weekend when the surgery is closed. Following the completion of the reconstruction works, the final surfacing layer will be completed over the full length of the road.

The resurfacing of Worthington Street, Biggin Street and Pencester Road (up to B&M) needs to be carried out under a road closure, and to avoid further closures we have collaborated with SGN, who currently have Biggin Street closed, until 3 March, to carry out the surfacing work under their road closure.

The surfacing works are planned to be carried out over the evening of Friday 28 February, starting at approximately 6pm and being completed by approximately 3am. The noisy activity of removing the existing road surface is expected to be completed by approximately 9pm. During the operation to lay the new road surface, it is necessary to reverse vehicles, which utilise reversing beepers. These by their nature are noisy but are required for the safety of anyone who may be near the vehicles, so cannot be switched off.

Access into and along Worthington Street will be restricted during the resurfacing. We will of course expedite the works as quickly as possible and aim to reduce noise and disturbance where we can.

We are also liaising with SGN about completing the remaining resurfacing of Biggin Street up to the junction with Priory Street and subject to them completing their works, we have provisionally programmed to resurface this section on Saturday 01 March, starting at approximately 6pm. If we are unable to complete the surfacing at this time, it will be rescheduled.

Finally, we also need to resurface a short length of Masion Dieu Road across the junction of Pencester Road. This work will need to be carried out under a road closure and is currently being programmed for a Sunday evening when traffic is normally light. A date for this will be advised in due course.

On completion of the new surfacing, road markings for the new road layout will be applied to the road surface and permanent changes to the parking restrictions will come into force at that time. A date for the bus lane becoming operational will be provided in the next progress update.

## How to contact us

We ask for your patience and co-operation whilst these works are undertaken but if you have any concerns or require more information about the work, please call us on **03000 418181** (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) or via email at <a href="mailto:Pencesterroad@kent.gov.uk">Pencesterroad@kent.gov.uk</a>.

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

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