



A249 Key Street Improvement Scheme

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Works progressing on the realignment of Key Street / Chestnut Street from the roundabout

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Dear Stakeholder,

We're pleased to share that the A2 at Key Street roundabout has now reopened on schedule following the recent closure. Work on the roundabout realignment is progressing well, and we're committed to keeping things moving smoothly.

Our team is working hard to minimise disruption for residents and road users while ensuring we have the space needed to carry out the improvements safely and efficiently.

As you may be aware, the work at the corner of Bobbing Hill and Sheppey Way continues to be delayed due to the presence of knotweed. We are currently awaiting the complete removal of this invasive species and will resume works once the area has been safely cleared.

Despite the remaining works to be completed, and the typical challenges and unforeseen circumstances associated with a scheme of this size, we remain confident that the scheme will be completed on schedule without significant delays.

Traffic Management

Works have progressed well on Chestnut Street and the current closure in place is still on schedule to be removed on **Monday 8 September**.

Following this, we will be installing a nighttime closure on Sheppey Way towards Bobbing services **from 8pm – 5am on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 September 2025**. This closure is to allow us to install utility road crossings across the carriageway.

Pedestrian access remains in place during the works, and we ask drivers to approach the area with caution for everyone's safety.

Progress update and upcoming works:

In August, we closed Key Street at the roundabout to carry out essential utility works. These works have now been completed, allowing us to begin widening the road as part of the next phase of the scheme.

We continued the works to Chestnut Street, which include construction of new drainages, utility diversions to enable the widening of the road at the roundabout, carriageway and footway works.

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Construction of the new Island at Sheppey Way and the footpath across the overbridge are still ongoing. We will also be working on Bobbing Hill and Keycol Hill for the widening works which involves embankment stabilising works, footpath, and carriageway works.

We are also carrying out a UKPN diversion on Chestnut Street at the same time to minimise disruption by using multiway traffic lights. These traffic lights are manually controlled during peak hours to try and reduce disruption.

Upcoming works

In September, we will be completing the UKPN diversion and start construction of the new Maidstone bound A249 entry slip road from the new Chestnut Street roundabout. We will also carry out the final works to Chestnut Street.

When the works on the new slip road start, the old A249 entry slip road towards Maidstone from the roundabout will be shut at the end of September/early October. Traffic will then be diverted via Bobbing to access the A249 or drivers can use Chestnut Street, Maidstone Road, and Oad Street to get onto the A249.

Working in the community

While we continue to liaise with stakeholders and residents to ensure that questions are answered and that people are made aware of our progress, we are also working in the background to seek out a suitable volunteering opportunity which will be impactful to the local community as part of our commitment to social value.

We will continue to keep you updated as the scheme progresses.

Kind regards,

The Project Team

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