

# A28 Sturry Link Road Scheme

Community Newsletter

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## Introduction

Welcome to the second edition of our scheme newsletter. You will be able to view this and all future copies on the KCC [website](#) (address below).

We welcome feedback, so please feel free to get in touch (our contact details are on the last page).

## Progress in the Last Month

Over the past month we have progressed further with the *Southern Section* of the embankment fill and commenced the main drainage works. The southern abutment working platform has had the sheet piled cofferdam works completed (to allow us to build the foundation safely), and our concrete piling contractor has mobilised to site. When you pass the site now, you will be able to see the piling rig. The *Central Southern Section* has also had the two sheet pile cofferdams installed (for the piers) and is prepared ready for the Continuous Flight Auger (CFA) piling rig to move into once it has completed the southern abutment.

In the *Central Northern Section*, we have commenced our access haul road works from Broad Oak Road to the southern side of the level crossing. This followed on from the final ecological clearance works in the area. The *Northern Section* (north of the railway) has seen the first 350m of haul road installed and associated fencing erected.

## Forward look

In the coming month we will be continuing with our works to build the two northern access roads and working platform areas in stone. In the southern sections, we will continue with our drainage works and concrete piling.



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## Drop-in exhibitions

120 people visited our recent drop-in sessions at Sturry Social Centre and Broad Oak Village Hall to find out what is planned, ask questions, and share their views. We also spoke with representatives from Sturry Parish Council and SABORA.

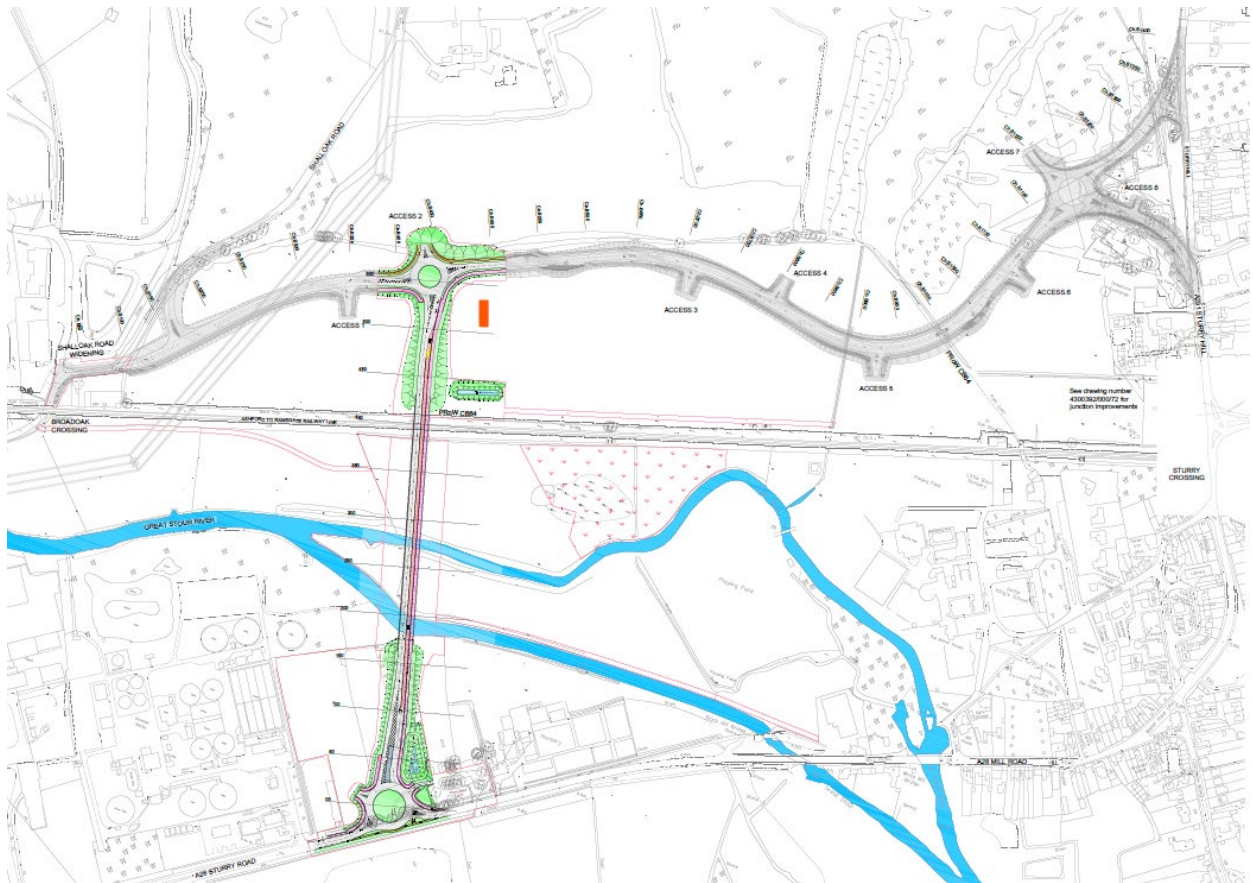


While the project is focused on the viaduct that will connect the A28 Sturry Road with the new relief road, many visitors were interested in the wider details of the housing development and the relief road.

- **Will the Sturry level crossing remain open?**  
The level crossing will remain open and road users will have the option of using it.
- **What is happening at the A291/A28 Island Road junction?**  
The junction will be changed so that traffic will 'flow' towards the relief road however drivers will still be able to use the A28. Traffic signals will be included in the new layout together with pedestrian crossings to make it easier to cross the road.
- **Will Shalloak Road suffer from rat-running because of the new road?**  
The new road will encourage the use of the east-west link from Shalloak Road through to Sturry Hill and the northward passage to Whitstable and Herne Bay areas. It is envisaged that this will reduce the current rat-running through Broadoak via Shalloak Road and Sweechgate.
- **Does the bus lane on the viaduct mean buses will no longer use the A28?**  
Discussions with the bus company are still ongoing about how bus services will use the new route and still serve Sturry and the A28, however, the southbound bus lane has been included to align with Canterbury City Council's future aspiration to provide a continuous bus lane route into Canterbury.
- **When will the new relief road open?**  
Construction of the new viaduct and roundabouts is currently planned to finish by summer 2028. However, before it can open, it must first be connected to a new road, known as the east-west link. This is being built separately by the developer behind the 630-home project known as the "Land at Sturry development".  
At the moment, that road is still going through the planning process, so we do not have a timeline for when it will be completed. Another important thing to note is that the east-west link has to be built before set numbers of the new homes can be occupied. This means the opening of the full route will depend on the developer completing their section of the road.

## Construction programme

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



## Visitors

On 28 May, Councillor Peter Osborne, Kent County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, visited site along with local Members, officers, and the VolkerFitzpatrick project team for an overview of the works and a site tour.



## Community Engagement

One of the aims of this project is to engage and support the community. Where possible, we seek to buy our supplies from small and medium enterprises within an agreed area, as well as employing local people.

We have given presentations as well as CV-writing and mock interviews at the King's School and Canterbury College. We also have work experience students on site including an engineering student gaining hands-on experience as part of their placement year from university.

Conversations are taking place with organisations in the area to identify where we can make an impact on the community.

If you know of any local projects that we might be able to get involved with, please let us know.



## 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.