

# A28 Sturry Link Road Scheme

Community Newsletter

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Preparation for pile cap reinforcement



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## Introduction

Welcome to our fifth newsletter. It has been busy this month with piling works to the piers, making a start on installing the kerbs between the A28 and the bridge and lining the ponds.

## Progress on Site:

### Final bridge beams being produced

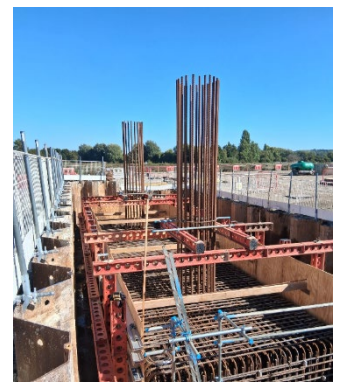
Over the last month, a further four beams have been fabricated and moved into storage, with the final two now being produced. This will bring the total to eighteen beams, ready to be delivered to site, starting in the November. Installation of the bridge beams is planned to start in January 2027.



### CFA piling progresses

CFA piling has been completed on piers 3 and 4. Reinforcement work to the pile caps is now taking place.

The pier 2 pile cap is also complete and is now awaiting concrete pours.



The piers are the foundations of the bridge structure as they carry the weight of the bridge. Completing these activities moves the project a step closer to completing the bridge supports and preparing for the installation of the bridge beams.

### North abutment piling moves onto next stage

Sheet piling installation has been completed, and CFA piling has now started.

### South roundabout taking shape

Kerbing and ducting are currently being installed. The binder course, which allows the first layers of the road to be laid will be taking place in the coming weeks.



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## Shalloak Road site entrance

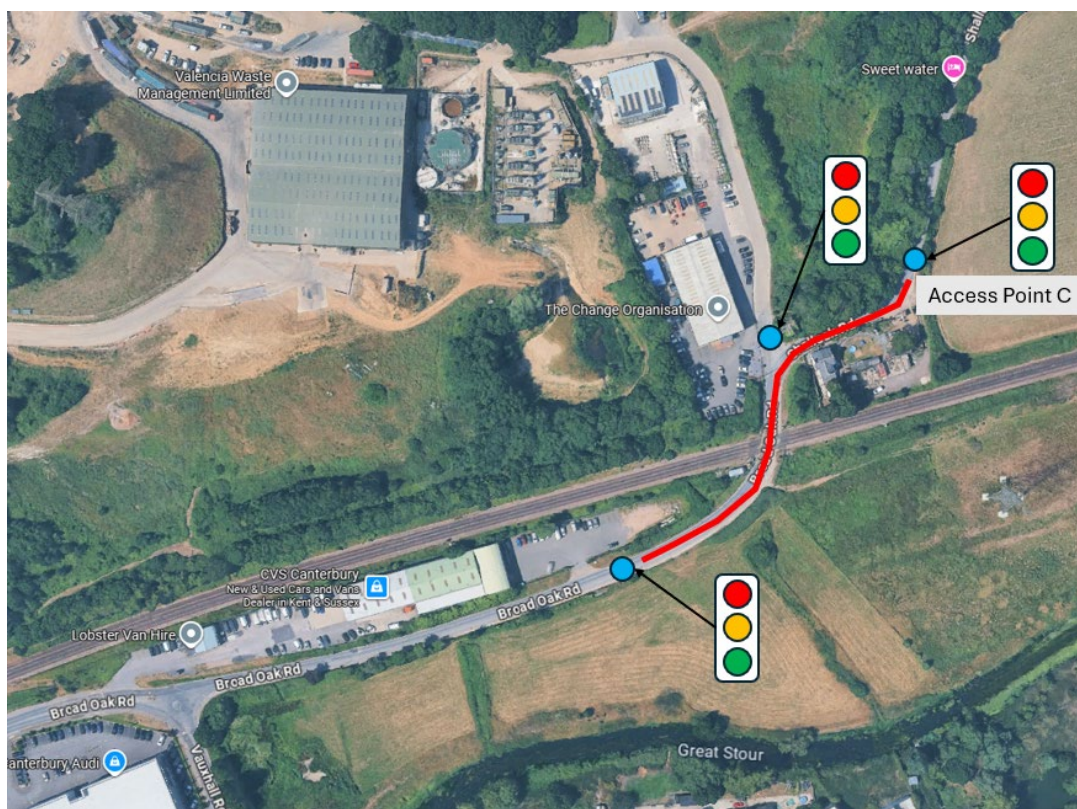
Following the re-opening of Shalloak Road, we have made changes to our site access (referred to as Access Point C – see image below), which may affect some local journeys.

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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## Community Engagement

### Wildwood

Following the loss of their wolves earlier this year, the [Wildwood Trust](#) asked us to remove the viewing structure so that enclosure can be made into a new home for other animals.



Volunteers from the team spent four days at the park to carry out the work. It was hoped that the wooden structure could be disassembled so the materials could be used again. Due to good workmanship when it was built (namely long screws, lots of nails and wolf-proof wire), we found a lot of the wooden panels broke apart into many small pieces.



### Westbere Sailing Opportunities



We also had the opportunity to join [Westbere Sailing Opportunities](#), a charity that offers safe sailing experiences for individuals with disabilities, for a session on the lake.



Volunteers, along with several sailing members from a local care home took to the waters in three sailboats, while two safety boats patrolled the lake to make sure all was well on Westbere Lake.

It was a fantastic opportunity to experience the charity's work first-hand, and we look forward to supporting them wherever we can.



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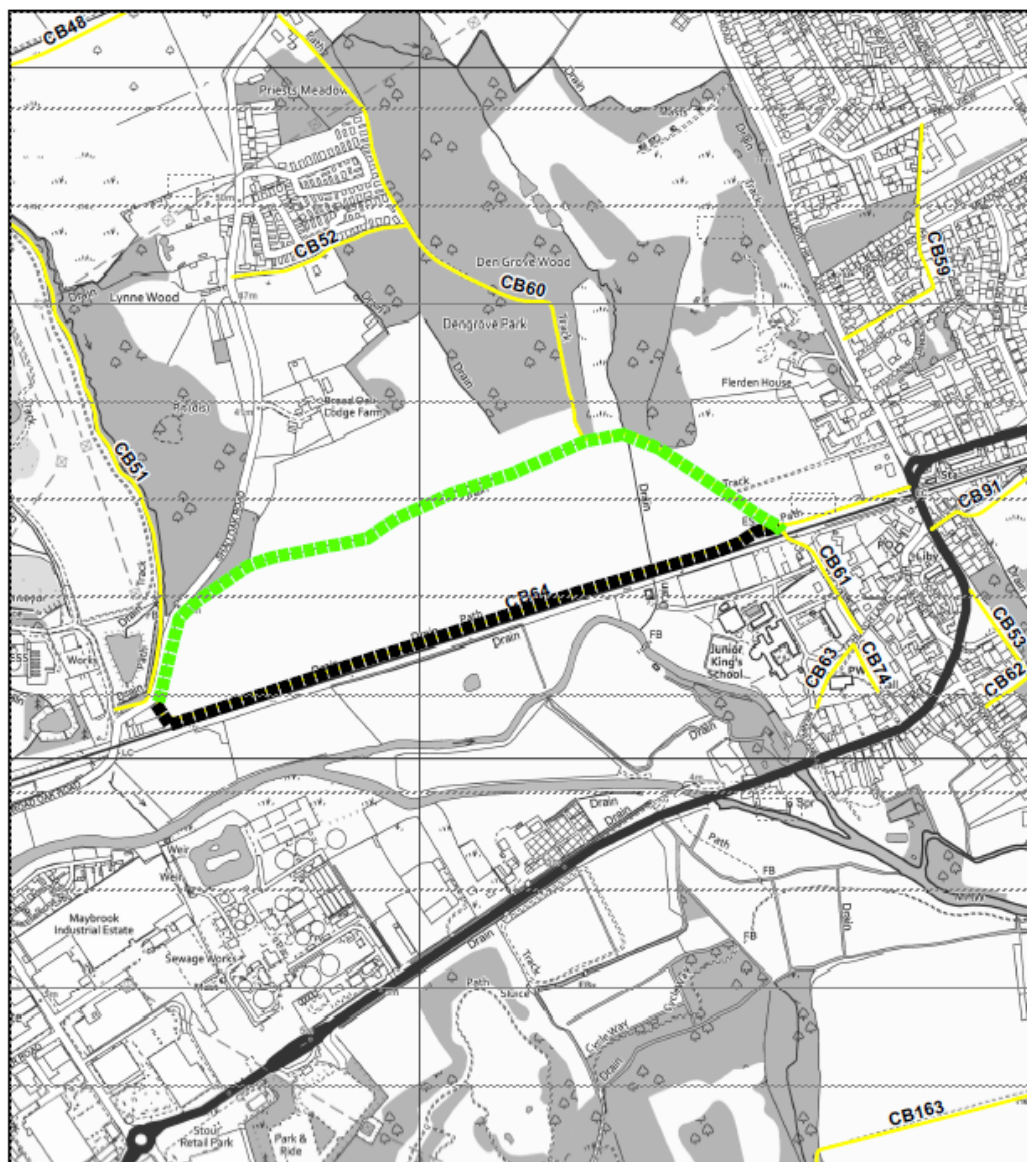
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## Public Right of Way CB64 Pedestrian Diversion Route

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



| Key            |                           | Footpath CB64 Sturry Closure Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |            |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                | Public Footpath           | Produced by the KCC Public Rights of Way and Access Service<br>Please note: this map extract is not a legal record of the alignment or existence of a public right of way. No measurements should be taken from it.<br>© Crown Copyright and database right 2020. Ordnance Survey 100019238 |            |
|                | Public Bridleway          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |
|                | Restricted Byway          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |
|                | Byway Open to All Traffic |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |            |
|                | Footpath Closed           | Created by:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Text       |
|                | Alternative Route         | Issue Date:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 18/05/2026 |
| 0.4 Kilometres |                           | Reference:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Text       |
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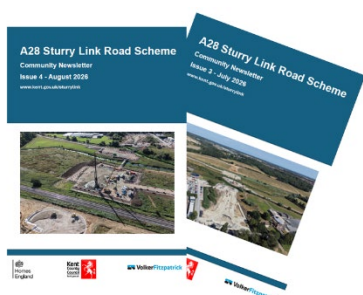


## Construction programme

- 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



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