

Thanet Parkway Railway Station Scheme Update



March 2022

Purpose of this newsletter

To inform you of the latest progress with the project, including the main station building works and associated level crossing and signalling improvements.

We'll also provide an indicative programme for the construction work over the coming months.

Project Timeline:

2015 Public consultation on the concept and potential design of a station

2017 Public consultation on the outline design of the station

2018 Original planning application submitted

2019 Submission of a revised planning application

2020 Planning application determined

2020 Archaeological excavation and pre-construction activities

2021 Main station construction commences

2022 Main station construction complete - level crossing and line speed work continues along the route

May 2023 Start of passenger services



Aerial photograph of works underway February 2022.

Station Construction Update

The majority of the main construction work is now complete. The permeable paving for the parking bays has now been installed and the tarmac surfacing for the car park roads is also finished (which can be seen underway in the aerial image). The acoustic barriers have been fully installed at the rear of the platforms, which includes the platform waiting shelters.

The soft landscaping scheme is now being planted on site, with the embankments repopulated with ivy to help ensure stability and prevent growth of unwanted weeds. Trees are also being planted across the station and car park.

The construction period is now moving into the fitting out stage, with mechanical and electrical installations (such as the lighting) being installed over the coming months.



Car park roads being surfaced.



Topsoil being placed on the embankment ready for planting.

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Trees and shrubs being planted within the car park.

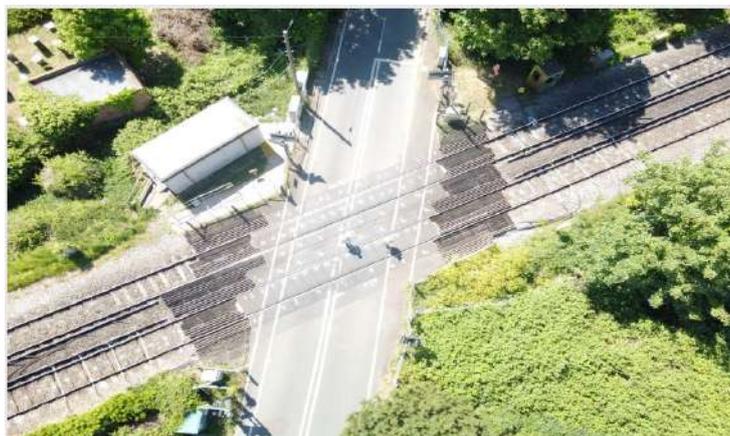
What works are coming up?

Over the next couple of months the lighting for the car park will be installed, as will the emergency exits from the platforms. The car park roads will have their surfacing finished and the soft landscaping scheme will also be completed. As this work completes, BAM Nuttall will be working towards demobilisation.

Updates will also be made available on project noticeboard at the Village Hall.

What other work has to happen before the station opens?

Thanet Parkway forms part of the Thanet Corridor Enhancements programme, which is focusing on the delivery of railway improvement works between Ashford International/Canterbury West and Ramsgate stations. This includes the upgrade of the level crossing at Cliffsend and some adjustments to the timings at the Sevenscore level crossing. There are also a number of other interventions required to maintain train journey times along the route. All of these must be completed before the new station can open.



Cliffsend Level Crossing.

The main station construction is due to be completed by May 2022, but work will be continuing along other parts of the railway line to prepare for the start of passenger services in May 2023.

Cliffsend level crossing is being converted from the current automatic half barrier crossing (two barriers in the lowered position when a train approaches) to a full barrier crossing monitored by CCTV (two barriers either side of the crossing to completely close the road when a train approaches). This is a much safer form of level crossing.

Currently this project is still in the design stages and we will continue to update you and the residents living nearest the crossing with the details of the construction and main commissioning works. You can view and animation that explains these changes on the project webpage.

How you can get in touch or find out more

You can monitor the project website for updates at [Thanet Parkway on Kent.gov](https://www.kent.gov.uk/thanet-parkway)

You can call our Contact Centre on 03000 418181.

Or you can email us at thanetparkway@kent.gov.uk