



The Bath Street Bus Lane Contraflow Project

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BATH STREET BUS LANE CONTRAFLOW









Dear Stakeholder,

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. We are happy to be back to work and team members are back on site to continue from where we left off. As the new year begins, we are pleased to let you know that we are gradually coming to the end of the scheme with activities now concentrated around the Bath Street/New Road junction due to the preliminary works for the installation of the BT Chamber and works on the central reservation.

Progress Update:

In December, we completed/ progressed on the following activities:

- Tarmac on the eastern carriageway to re-open the taxi lane.
- Completion of UKPN HV diversion.
- Works to the south-east footway, including site clearance, ducting, kerbing, and tarmac.
- Installation of kerbing and laying pedestrian deterrent paving to the north traffic island.

Upcoming works:

This January, we will be working on the BT Chamber installation on the corner of Bath Street and New Road. Construction activities will include excavating to expose services using vac Ex, isolating, and diverting cables out of excavation footprint under BT supervision, installing UKPN cable protection plates, UKPN cable installation, High Voltage cable jointing, installing service protection deck to BT chamber, demolition of the existing BT Chamber, excavation for the new chamber and construction of a new reinforced concrete BT chamber.

Project Timescale

The project is in 4 phases.

Phase 1 – Road widening on the West side.

Works on footpaths, kerbs, laying of binders, surfaces, and tactile pavers to be completed by mid-August.

Phase 2 – Continuation of Kerb Laying to West side.

Continuation of footpath removal and reinstatement to tarmac surfacing of the footpath and carriageway to continue.

Removal and reconstruction of the Central Reservation.

Phase 3 - Road Widening on the East side and works on the Central Section, and BT Chamber.

<u>Phase 4</u> – Reinstate Central Reservation islands, and resurface main Carriageway.









We will also complete and re-open the northern pedestrian crossing, complete surfacing works on the west footway and continue works on the north traffic island, kerbing, deterrent paving, and surfacing.

The traffic management plan closing taxi lane will be installed, contraflow traffic to be set on Bath Street with Taxi access maintained from Church St/West St.

















Working in the Community:

In the previous year, as you are aware, we recorded positive outcomes from our community engagement initiatives aimed at promoting our social value commitment to host communities of Jackson's projects. In the new year, and during the remaining timeframe for the project, we will be exploring opportunities to liaise with local schools to support educational activities that promote the interest of pupils in construction and Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) activities.

Regards,

The Project Team

For more information about the Bath Street Contraflow Bus Lane, please visit the KCC website:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects/in-progress-road-projects/bath-street-fastrack-bus-lane

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