



# A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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*Southbound exit slip road under construction*

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**GOOD WORKS**



Dear stakeholder,

As we approach the end of the year, we continue to work hard to ensure the southbound exit slip road is ready for traffic by Christmas. We have continued to adapt our programme to ensure we do as much as we can in favourable weather conditions, and we are making good progress.

### **Traffic Management Update**

Jackson Civil Engineering, National Highways and Kent County Council have worked together to develop flexible traffic management strategies, minimising disruption as much as possible. This is aimed at facilitating the various construction works taking place in the area. We will continue to keep stakeholders informed of our traffic management plans at the earliest opportunity.

### **Drop-in session**

Our monthly drop-in session is scheduled to hold from **12:00pm until 1:00pm on Tuesday 26 November 2024**. This will be the last session of the year, and stakeholders are encouraged to attend and engage with the project team, who will be available to provide detailed updates on the progress of the scheme.

### **Current and Upcoming Works**

#### **Northern Gyratory**

We have continued to make progress on Grovehurst Road North (towards Iwade) and the northbound exit slip road. The northern pond earthworks are now completed, and Gabion foundation and basket installation has commenced. Backfill to the north abutment was placed on hold while Network Rail completed its work to the Kingsferry Bridge, and we will recommence this work in the coming weeks.

Works on the new bridge have progressed well. We have now completed the concrete pours to the deck. We have started to work on the extensions of both sides of the new bridge, which will tie into the new road alignments to form the gyratory. Wingwalls have progressed and backfill around abutments is still ongoing.



## Southern Gyrotory

Around the southern gyrotory and the southbound exit slip road, drainage and earthworks have progressed. Temporary chambers have been built above existing BT chambers on the southbound off slip. Drainage works and the construction of the temporary alignment of Swale Way is still ongoing. The installation of chambers and ducting have now been completed.

## Working in our Community

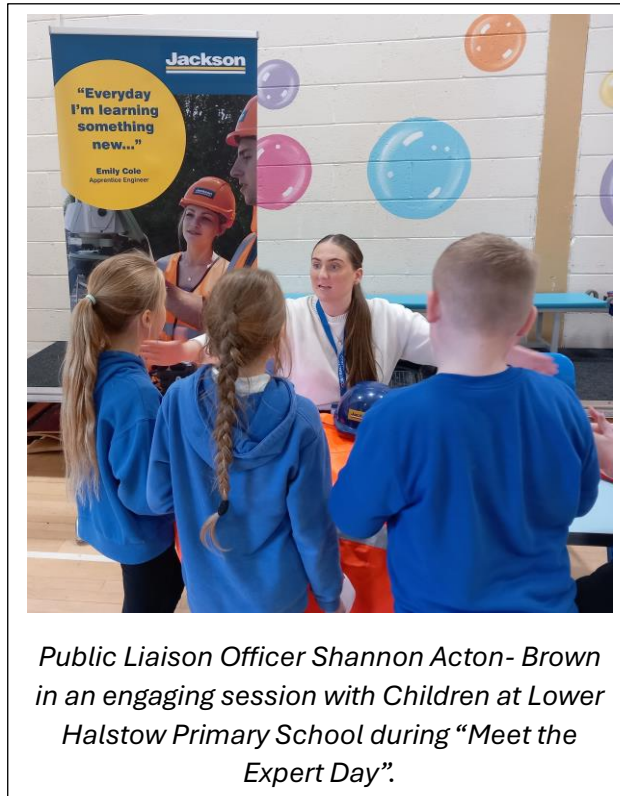
We have donated 24 road safety barriers and four grit bins for storage to Bobbing Village School. This is in addition to 20 bags of 20kg play sand we donated in September to fill a newly constructed sandpit for the children to enjoy. The barriers will be used to demarcate the playground and lunch area, and the storage bins used to securely store play items and protect them from severe weather conditions.



*Public Liaison Officer Juliet Fabelurin handing over donation items to Bobbing Village School*

On **Tuesday 8 October 2024**, we visited Lower Halstow Primary school to participate in a “Meet the Experts Day”. It was an opportunity to promote STEM and introduce children to engineering and construction.

On **Wednesday 23 October 2024**, we also attended an all-day careers fair at Westlands School in Sittingbourne to talk about work experience, apprenticeship and civil engineering.



*Public Liaison Officer Shannon Acton- Brown in an engaging session with Children at Lower Halstow Primary School during “Meet the Expert Day”.*

Kind regards,

The project team.

**For more information about the Grovehurst Road Project, please visit: [A249 Grovehurst Road and interchange junction - Kent County Council](#) on the **Kent County Council website.****

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