



ISSUE NO.7

**BATH STREET BUS LANE
CONTRAFLOW**



Dear Stakeholder,

We are gradually coming to the end of the year and will like to say thank you for understanding the need for these works and adapting to the changes that has come with it. We are happy to let you know that we have made tremendous progress. Phase 2 of the works has finally come to an end and Phase 3 which is the second to last phase started on the 30th October 2023 with a new traffic switch enabling the taxis to be in contraflow via temporary island crossovers. There have been delays to the works due to unforeseen issues, however, we are still committed to delivering this project on the new revised time scale.

Progress Update:

In the past weeks, continuing phase 2 of the project, we set traffic management creating single lane traffic in taxi lane and northbound traffic lane localised around the Southern Island.

Temporary pedestrian crossing is still currently being utilised. We have removed streetlights and signals, existing signs, and bollards - Power supplies are pot ended below pavement for future reuse. Signals on southern island has been moved into barrels to maintain functionality.

Existing asphalt paving and kerbs have been removed, we also carried out excavation to prove service locations and for new carriageway pavement construction. Unused chambers and covers have been removed and filled with subbase, and UKPN has undertaken DNO disconnections.

We have laid subbase for pavement including temporary pavement for Taxi crossovers, ducting for street lighting and signals have been done, and we have laid the base and binder tarmac. Finally, the removal of the traffic management marked the end of Phase 2 and the beginning of Phase 3.



Project Timescale

The project is in 3 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.

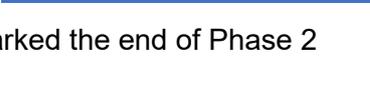
Phase 2 – Continuation of Kerb Laying to West side.

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.

Phase 4 - Reinstatement Central Islands, Final



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Site Photos of Works in Progress:



Upcoming Works:

Having just moved into Phase 3 of the project – Widening Road on the East side, please see below a breakdown of activities that are planned on the various sections of the roadworks.

On the Southern section, we will be undertaking the following.

- Set traffic management moving Taxis's to contraflow traffic with north bound traffic.
- Removal of existing paving slabs.
- Cold mill existing pavement, including removal of BT chamber so preliminary works can commence for reinstallation.
- Footpath ducting works, and removal of existing asphalt footpath surfacing.
- Excavate to expose services, isolate, and divert cable out of excavation footprint.
- UKPN Diversion Civils work Trenching and Joint Bays.
- SGN to divert gas main east corner of New Road and Bath Street.
- UKPN to undertake DNO disconnections.
- Set traffic management closing taxi lane. (Contraflow traffic to be set on Bath Street, with Taxi access maintained from church Street/West Street).



On the Central section, activities will be as follows.

- Saw cut existing kerbs.
- Breakout and remove kerbs.
- Excavate for new pavement construction.
- Excavate and create new manhole adjacent to shopping centre rear goods entrance.
- Lay subbase, install new gullies and connect into manhole.
- Remove existing gullies and stop up redundant runs.
- Lay kerbs Set NAL socket for street lighting and signals.

On the Northern section, we will be carrying out these works.

- Saw cut existing kerb and concrete surfacing.
- Breakout and remove kerb and concrete surfacing.
- Excavation to prove service locations and for SGN diversion.
- Cold mill existing pavement.
- Excavate for new pavement construction.
- SGN to lay gas main, connecting to previous stub and undertaking diversion.
- Ducting to central reserve road crossing.

To plan your journeys, traffic management plans around the works will always be communicated well in advance. You are welcome to make any enquiries by sending an email to the project email address below, and we will do our best to continue carrying out the works with minimal inconvenience until completion.

Kind Regards, until our next update.

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>

For any further enquiries, please send an email to Bathstreetfastrack@kent.gov.uk.

