

# Pencester Road, Dover

## Northbound Bus Contraflow



## Newsletter 5 - March 2025 - Progress Update

### Main Works

The project is nearing completion with Phase 4 of the reconstruction of Pencester Road planned to commence on Monday 31 March 2025. During this phase, vehicle access will be maintained to Pencester Surgery during opening hours but the entrance to the surgery car park will be closed over the weekend of 05 & 06 April 2025. The Pencester Road car park will be closed from the 04 April 2025 until 07 April 2025. This will enable works to be completed across the two accesses. Whilst Pencester Road Car Park is closed, alternative parking can be found at the nearby Stembrook and Maison Dieu Road car parks. Following the completion of the reconstruction works, the final surfacing layer will be completed over the full length of Pencester Road and for safety reasons this will be carried out under a full closure of the road on 05 and 06 April between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00.



A short length of Maison Dieu Road across the junction of Pencester Road, also needs to be resurfaced and to carry out the works safely, a road closure of Maison Dieu Road is required. This is programmed for the evening of Sunday 06 April 2025, between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00 when the road is less busy.

Following the completion of the recent surfacing of Worthington Street and Biggin Street, defects have been identified which requires some areas of the new surfacing to be replaced. This remedial work is also planned to be completed over the weekend and will require the closure of Worthington Street and Biggin Street. This is programmed to be carried out on 05 April 2025 between the hours of 19:00 and 23:00.

Every effort will be made to minimise the disruption and noise during the night works, with the noisiest activity of removing the existing road surface being carried out during the early part of the evening. However, it is not possible to eliminate all noise, for example reversing beepers on vehicles cannot be switched off but are a safety necessity for anyone who may be working near the vehicle.

On completion of the surfacing, road markings for the new road layout will be applied to the road surface, this is programmed to be carried out during the day, between 07 and 09 April 2025. The permanent changes to the parking restrictions will come into force at that time and will be enforced by Dover District Council, as the authority responsible for enforcement of on-street parking.

The main construction works are expected to be substantially complete by Friday 11 April 2025.

### Opening of the New Bus Lane

Stagecoach are currently planning to transfer the Dover Fastrack bus service onto the Pencester Road bus lane on **Sunday 20 April 2025**. The new signals located at the Maison Dieu Road and Biggin Street junctions will be switched on just prior to this date and until then the temporary crossing signals currently in place at both junctions will be maintained to provide a safe crossing facility for pedestrians.



## Social Value



### Norwegian Memorial Garden

The Norwegian Memorial Garden, located at the corner of Pencester Road and Maison Dieu Road recognises the important role that the 52nd (Norwegian) Mine Laying Flotilla played during the Second World War.

The 52nd Mine Laying Flotilla was formed in June 1942 and was placed under the orders of the Portsmouth Command. This flotilla comprised the Fairmile 'B' Mine Laying 123, 125, 128, 210 and 213, all manned by Royal Norwegian Navy personnel.

The flotilla carried out its first minelaying operation (KB 1 off Pte de Barfleur) on 6 June 1942 but was then transferred to the Dover Command to work with the 50th Flotilla. Mine Layer 125 had her bows blown off by a drifting German mine near the Sandettie Bank on 2nd November 1942. Her First Lieutenant and Telegraphist were killed, together with the Base Echo-sounding Officer, and four ratings were injured with one dying later. She was towed stern first to Dover by MGB 329. Mine Layer 210 was mined off Dieppe and sank on 15 February 1944 with the loss of her Captain, First Lieutenant and three ratings. She was replaced by the Fairmile 'B' Mine Layer 573 in March 1943. The unit remained in Dover until 1945.

The Norwegian flag is flown here on 17th May every year, which is Norway's Constitution Day.

We were aware of Dover District Council's plans to carry out work to improve the garden and as part of a joint venture between KCC, Amey and Walker Construction, we saw an opportunity to help, and carried out work to resurface the footway that runs through the garden and provide new surfaced areas around the bench and the two flagpoles.

### How to contact us

We ask for your patience and co-operation whilst these works are undertaken but if you have any concerns or require more information about the work, please call us on **03000 418181** (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) or via email at [Pencesterroad@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Pencesterroad@kent.gov.uk).

**For your safety and the safety of our workforce, please drive carefully and slowly through the roadworks.**