



A249 Key Street Improvement Scheme

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Aerial view of Key Street junction and the works progressing on Bobbing Hill

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GOOD WORKS



Dear Stakeholder,

We are making good progress with the works on Bobbing Hill, Sheppey Way, Key Street and Chestnut Street. As you are aware, traffic management plans are a major aspect of the works. We will continue to work with all relevant partners to improve coordination and keep disruption to a minimum where possible.

The design of the scheme requires the permanent closure of the current southbound entry slip road from Key Street junction towards Maidstone. A new slip road will be built from the new Chestnut Street roundabout to tie-in to the A249 southbound mainline. These works have already started and will gain momentum in the coming weeks when we eventually close the slip road.

Traffic Management update

Please note that the A2 towards Sittingbourne will be closed overnight at Key Street roundabout on **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 October**, from **8pm to 5am**, for essential utility works. During this closure, traffic will be diverted via Sheppey Way to Bobbing interchange to use the B2006 into Sittingbourne.

From midnight on **Monday 27 October**, the A249 southbound entry slip road off the Key Street roundabout towards Maidstone will be closed and permanently removed.

This closure is to construct the new slip road from the Chestnut Street roundabout and tie-in onto the A249 southbound to Maidstone.

A diversion for this closure will take traffic from the Key Street roundabout via Sheppey Way to Bobbing interchange to use the entry slip onto the A249 mainline to Maidstone.

We will keep stakeholders updated when the new slip road is completed and ready for traffic.

Progress update

In September, we completed street lighting works and tactile paving to the Island on Sheppey Way. We also completed major works on Chestnut Street and started offline works for the new slip road.

Over the month, works to the turning head from Tudor Rose, including stripping of topsoil, excavation and utility service works have been ongoing.

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Since the current road closure was installed on Bobbing Hill, we have started to carry out the works to realign the junction on to the Key Street roundabout and Sheppey Way. These works will continue into the coming month due to service clashes.

Upcoming works

In the coming weeks, we will be working on Keycol Hill & Bobbing Hill, carrying out embankment works, removal of street furniture, clearance of remaining vegetation, utility works, landscaping, and footpath construction amongst others.

On Sheppey Way south /Key Street north, we will be working on the pedestrian guardrails, road crossings, reinstating Sheppey Way splitter island, and then laying surface course to the road.

We will also be continuing works to the new slip road offline, while utility works are ongoing until the old slip road closes later in October. We will then begin full construction works on the new slip road.

Working in the community

Recently, we teamed up with one of our subcontractors and Headcorn Cricket Club to organise a fun cricket game to raise money for the Wisdom Hospice and Myla Vine Foundation. Collectively, we raised around four thousand pounds which was divided between the two charities.



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We donated a 1.5-ton digger and a fun digger simulator for kids to enjoy at a recent Family Fun Day at Demelza Hospice. We also contributed a monetary donation and provided some equipment to help mark out parking areas and create sections for different stalls.



Jacksons corner at Demelza Fun Day

Kind regards,

The Project Team

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