



A249 Key Street Improvement Scheme

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Aerial view of Key Street roundabout

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Dear Stakeholder,

We have made significant progress by working on some of the planned phases of the works simultaneously.

This approach will allow us to get ahead of schedule and give us enough time to make any adjustments that might be required as the works continue to progress.

Traffic Management

From Tuesday 6 May 2025 until Friday 16 May 2025, we will be installing a set of temporary traffic lights on Sheppey Way for surfacing works and as part of the traffic management for the works on Sheppey Way south and Key Street north. The lights will be in use during off peak hours between **9am and 4pm**.

We ask that road users continue to follow the signs and that pedestrians continue to use the access that has been provided for safety. We will continue to monitor our traffic management to ensure minimal disruption and keep you updated on any changes as soon as possible.

Progress update and upcoming works:

Works on the highway realignment of Sheppey Way are still ongoing. We have also made progress on the southside of Chestnut Street by removing the street furniture, working on the footpaths, disconnecting drainage, stripping topsoil, bringing in new fill and grading the area to create a new embankment.

Work has started on the new slip road and temporary slip road, including clearing vegetation, stripping topsoil and digging trial holes to find utility services.

Next phasing plans

Phase 3 – Sheppey Way works – raise gullies/manholes, trim subbase, landscaping, lay base and binder course, installation of street lighting and signs.

Phase 4 – Sheppey Way and Key Street works – disconnection and removal of street furniture, drainage and associated works, installation of gully pots and kerbing.

Phase 2a and 2b – Keycol Hill and Bobbing Hill works – northern embankment works, utility works and installation of gullies.

Phase 7 – New slip road and temporary slip road off-line works.

Phase 8 – Chestnut Street – general clearance, installation of street lighting ducts and columns, kerbing and footpath works.

Phase 9 – Chestnut Street (Northside) – vegetation clearance, disconnection and removal of street furniture, drainage works, kerbing and footpath works.

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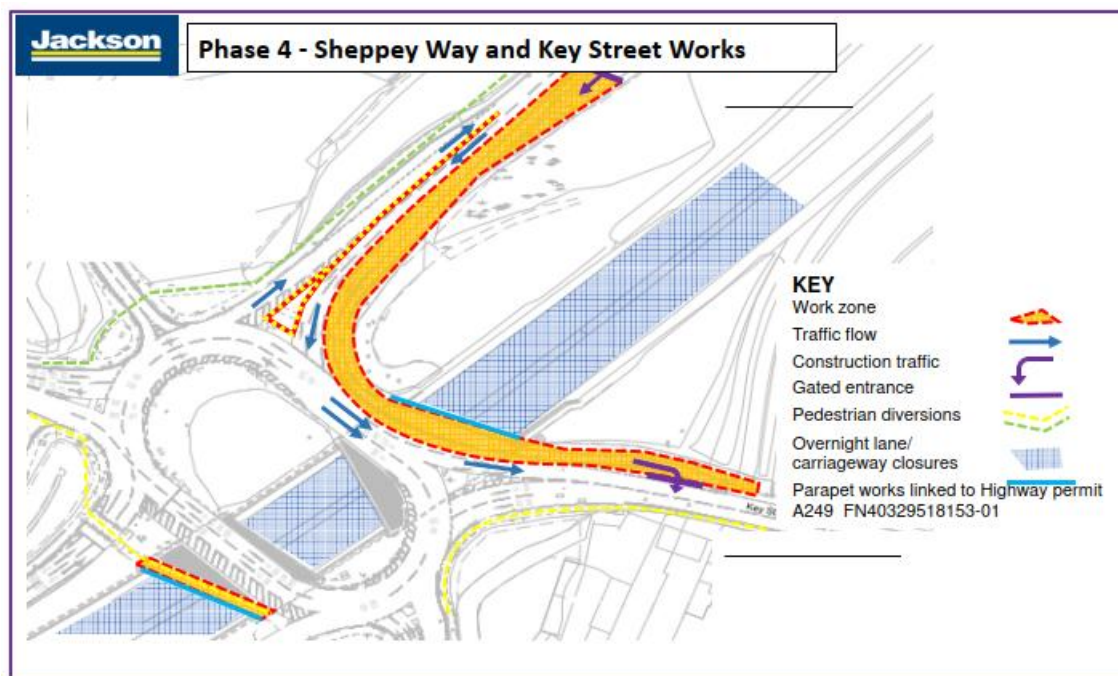


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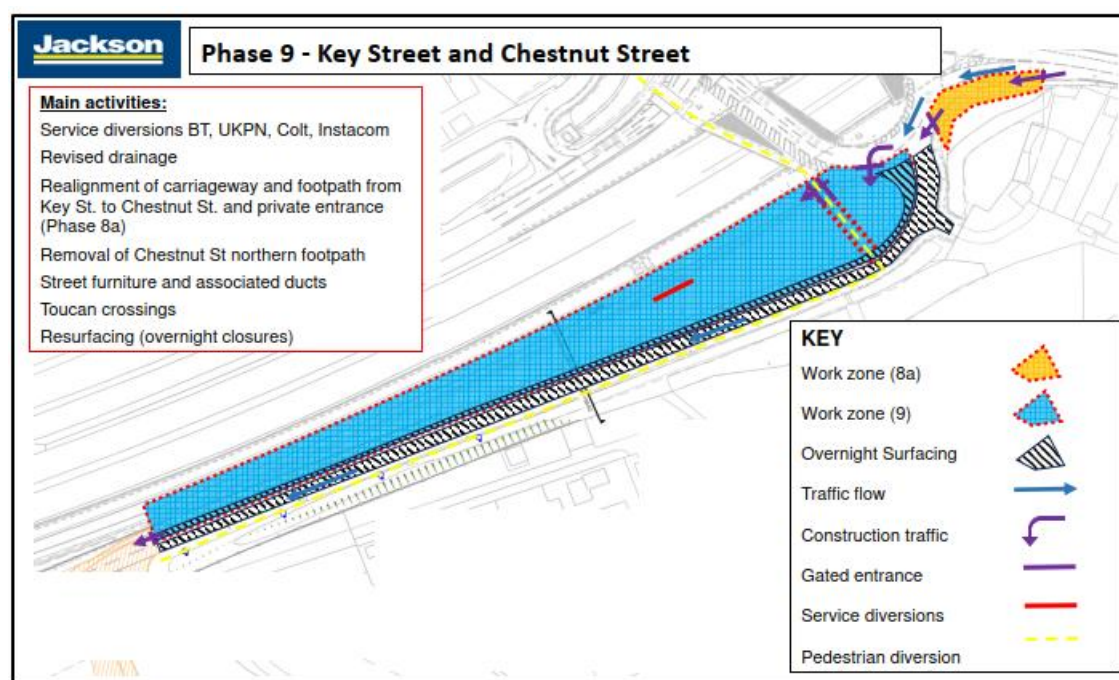


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In May, we will be moving traffic management over to Sheppey Way south/Key Street north to start phases 3 and 4 on Sheppey Way and Key Street as in the sketch below.



We will also be moving over to the northside of Chestnut Street to continue the works, as well as the works on the new slip road.



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Working in the Community:

On Thursday 27 March, we attended a careers fair at the School of Science and Technology, Maidstone to talk to students about construction and civil engineering.

On Monday 31 March, we also attended a job fair at Swallows Leisure Centre in Sittingbourne organised by the Department of Works and Pension (Swale Partnership team) to talk to people about potential job roles and the opportunities available in the construction industry.

Regards,

Project Team

For information about the Key Street Improvement Scheme, please visit Kent County Council website via the link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects/planned-road-projects/a249-key-street-junction>

For concerns or enquiries, please send an email to

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