

Folkestone – A Brighter Future

Newsletter Issue 1



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GOOD WORKS

To members of the public,

The works on Folkestone's Levelling Up scheme have now begun. We have established our site compound located within the temporarily closed Foresters Way car park and have installed a lane closure for the duration of this phase, whilst we begin the installation of a new layby on Foresters Way. The bus stop located at Shellons Street eastbound will be temporarily suspended during this period, whilst we widen the road and install new footpaths in this location. We have also dug three exploratory holes to locate existing third-party utility services, one located along Foresters Way, and two along Shellons Street.

These current works are part of Phase 1 of the project, which we are aiming to have completed by May 2025. The scheme has been broken up into smaller phases, this will minimise disruption for the public and road users as much as practically possible.

Traffic Management

Foresters Way nearside lane has been partially closed with the outside lane fully open. Shellons Street westbound lane has also been closed with one lane still open to traffic throughout. Pedestrians will still be able to use the existing footpaths via temporary diverted routes and cycle ways. This will remain until late May 2025.

The footpath along Foresters Way will be reopened towards the end of May. During that period there will be pedestrian diversions, which will be located outside of Alford Bros motorcycle dealership and will direct you over the road towards Asda. During this period if pedestrians could please follow the diversions and refrain from entering cordoned off areas to ensure safety.

Please see below 2 photos of the footpath closed along Foresters Way:



Photo 1: In the first photo you can see the area closed off along Foresters Way with a pedestrian diversion sign pointing you in the direction of Asda.



Photo 2: In the second photo you can see a further 2 signs that will direct you towards the bus station, and down towards Lidl.

Progress update and upcoming works

Phase 1 of the project is progressing well and we will be commencing phase 2 towards the end of May. Phase 2 will be focusing on the improvements around Middelburg Square which will include the infilling of the two subways at the junction of Cheriton Road and Cheriton Gardens. We will also create a new signalised traffic junction which will be located at the Middelburg Square and Cheriton Gardens Junction. The layby along Foresters Way will be complete by this point, and the bus stop along Shellons Street eastbound will be open. There will be temporary traffic lights positioned in blocks located on Shellons Street. These will be here until further notice.

Community works

We attended the public engagement event organised by Folkestone & Hythe District Council at Folkestone Town Hall on Friday, April 4th, and Saturday, April 5th. During the event, we had the opportunity to meet numerous local residents who were invited to view the consultation boards outlining the project's phases, engage with the touch table showcasing the existing and proposed vision, and experience the newly delivered walkthrough.

We received lots of positive feedback from the public, many looking forward to seeing a refreshed town centre with 'the love' it needs. Some residents were relieved and felt this will draw more people back up to the town centre which will benefit shop owners, and make the town feel more alive again.

For more information on the roads scheme, please visit Kent County Council's website.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects/planned-road-projects/folkestone-a-brighter-future>

For more information about Folkestone – A Brighter Future please visit Folkestone & Hythe District Council's website

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/homepage/112/folkestone-town-centre-regeneration>

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