

Road Maintenance in Your Area

Road Surface Improvement (Resurfacing)

A229 Maidstone Gyratory

(Sheals Crescent/Hayle Road/College Road/Mill Street)



We recently wrote to you regarding our plans to resurface the above roads.

The replacement of the road surface was completed successfully, but unfortunately, due to the inclement weather conditions we were unable to finish laying the High Friction Surface (anti-skid) on the approaches to the three sets of traffic signals as planned.

This element of the work (which is weather dependent) has been re-programmed to start on **9th December 2019** and should take **3 nights** to complete. These activities will continue to be undertaken between the hours of **21:00 and 05:00**. These works will not overlap with closures on Palace Avenue, Lower Stone Street or Upper Stone Street.

During these essential works it will be necessary to close the road completely so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users.

The alternative route for traffic suitable for motorways will be via A229 Loose Road, A274 Sutton Road, Willington Street, A20 Ashford Road, A249 Sittingbourne Road, A249 Bearstead Road, Join M20 J7 [London bound], Exit M20 Junction 6, A229 Royal Engineers Road, A229 Fairmeadow

Overheight vehicles (above 4.7m) will be diverted via A229 Loose Road, A274 Sutton Road, Willington Street, A20 Ashford Road, New Cut Road, A249 Bearsted Road, Join M20 J7 [London bound], Exit M20 Junction 6, A229 Royal Engineers Road, A229 Fairmeadow

The alternative route for traffic unsuitable for motorways will be via A229 Loose Road, A274 Sutton Road, Willington Street, A20 Ashford Road, A249 Sittingbourne Road, Penenden Heath Road, Sandling Lane, A249 Royal Engineers Road, A229 Fairmeadow

Additional signage will direct traffic to and from the Tovil and Yalding areas.

What we plan to do

We will be applying high friction surfacing on the approaches to the three traffic signal controlled junctions on the A229 between Sheals Crescent and Mill Street. Once the new high friction surface has cured and it is safe to do so, the road will then be re-opened.

How you can help us

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, but we will try to keep this to a minimum. Restricted Access to residential properties and all businesses up to the closure point, will be available, when safe to do so, but if you have any access needs, please let the workforce on site know. Access to properties between the closure points will need to be restricted for a short period while work is carried out in front of each property and across road junctions. Traffic Management operatives will be available to help direct traffic within the closure. **Vehicles will not be able to pass over the high friction surfacing until it is fully cured.**

Further upcoming works

The resurfacing on A229 Sheals Crescent/Hayle Road/College Road/Mill Street form part of a larger resurfacing project taking place on the A229 south Maidstone gyratory. This project will also encompass A229 Palace Avenue, A229 Lower Stone Street and A229 Upper Stone Street which are due to be resurfaced in succession before the end of 2019. Further information on the entire resurfacing project can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/a229

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

How to contact us?

If you need more information, you can visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/resurfacingupdates to find out how we look after the roads throughout Kent or report any faults you find on our roads. Alternatively, you can call us on **03000 41 81 81**.

WARNING – Beware Bogus Callers

Kent County Council Highways, Transportation and Waste do not allow works to be carried out on private properties. If anyone says they are working for us or our specialist contractors and offer to carry out any work for cash, they should be treated with caution. We advise you to contact Citizen's Advice on 03444 111 444 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)