



A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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All beams and formwork for the new bridge have been successfully installed

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Dear stakeholder,

We are happy to announce that we have now achieved a significant milestone in the scheme. All the bridge beams, formwork and temporary works have been installed over the A249, which will make up part of the new gyratory. Despite a windy Saturday, the installation was a success and the A249 was reopened ahead of schedule during the early hours of Monday morning.

Traffic Management Update

A249 Southbound exit slip closure

As you may be aware, the A249 southbound (towards Bobbing) exit slip road at the Grovehurst Road junction will be closed from **8pm on Monday 9th September 2024 until spring 2025**. The closure is necessary to allow the construction of the new southern gyratory and associated works as part of the Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme.

Diverted traffic will travel southbound using the A249 to turn off at the Bobbing roundabout, the diversion will then return vehicles northbound on the A249 towards the Grovehurst Road junction, to use the northbound exit slip road where the diversion ends.

We understand these works have an impact on travel times, however we will continue to monitor the traffic and review our traffic management plans to minimise disruption as much as possible.

A249 northbound mainline

The traffic management on the northbound A249, towards the Isle of Sheppey cannot be removed until the bridge works are completed, and the road is safe to re-open to traffic. While the bridge beams may have been installed on the weekend of 30th August to 2nd September, there is still work to be done to complete the bridge which will take some time. However, since the northbound exit and entry slip roads will be open, it is Jacksons assessment that this will reduce traffic congestion on the northbound A249, as vehicles can now use the slip road to access the Swale Way roundabout, rather than returning to the southbound A249.

It was initially planned to remove the lane closures from both sides of the A249 from January 2025, however we will continue to work towards an earlier removal date and keep stakeholders updated.





Current and Upcoming Works

New bridge over the A249

In August, as part of preparations to move our works to the southern side of the junction, we focused on making sure the A249 northbound exit and entry slip roads are ready to reopen. We also finished preparatory works for installation of the new bridge deck and formworks, and all beams for the new bridge were lifted as scheduled on Friday 30th August 2024 until Monday 2nd September.

Highways

As you have noticed, the layout of Grovehurst Road junction has changed remarkably. Our highways team are working on the new road alignment for Grovehurst Road north, the exit and entry slip roads and how they tie in with the northern gyratory. Although earthworks are now completed at the developers roundabout area, near Iwade, there is still work that needs to be done to move utility connections around the area where we are working.

We will have traffic management plans in place at different times throughout September and October on Grovehurst Road north and B2005 Grovehurst Road. This is to allow us to continue works on drainages, utilities services installation and associated works on the northern side of the gyratory.

As always, we will notify stakeholders before traffic management plans are installed. We will continue to monitor our traffic management plans and collaborate with Kent County Council Streetworks, Network Rail and National Highways to ensure we are minimising disruption.

Working in our Community

Jackson always encourages girls to explore a future career in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and take an interest in civil engineering and construction. That is why it was a delight to have two female students from Borden Grammar School and Canterbury College join us for their work experience.





During their end of work assessment, they both expressed excitement about what they had learnt in a very short time frame, the warm reception from staff and how relieved they were to see a lot of women working in the industry. Most importantly, they are both hoping to follow the apprenticeship route in pursuing an engineering career in the future.

Photos of our recent work experience students



Kind regards,

The project team.

For more information about the Grovehurst Road Project, please visit: [A249 Grovehurst Road and interchange junction - Kent County Council](https://www.kent.gov.uk/transport/road-works/a249-grovehurst-road-and-interchange-junction) on the Kent County Council website.

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