



A249 Key Street Improvement Scheme

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Works commence on Sheppey Way south / Key Street north.

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GOOD WORKS



Dear stakeholder,

We continue to make progress on the scheme and are still on schedule to meet our programme. Before construction started on site, we explained why it was necessary to carry out the works in small phases.

The traffic management plans were designed to ensure the safety of pedestrians, road users and our workers, as well as to cause minimal disruption to people's lives as possible.

Traffic Management

We appreciate road users for their understanding and patience during the works. We ask that pedestrians continue to use only the access that has been provided for safety, and that road users continue to follow the signs through the works.

In the coming weeks, dates for drainage works on Chestnut Street/Key Street will be confirmed. We will send you an update on the traffic management plans which will be in place.

Progress update and upcoming works:

We have completed drainage works and the realignment of Sheppey Way northbound carriageway. We then installed a temporary binder to allow us to switch traffic management for Phase 4 works on Sheppey Way south/Key Street to commence.

Since the traffic management switch, we have started the removal of existing street furniture and removal of existing footpath, while allowing traffic to still flow in both directions.

Project phasing plans

Phase 1c – 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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The discovery of Japanese knotweed in the area has meant landscaping and earthworks on the corner of Bobbing Hill/Sheppey Way will need to continue into June. This is to allow extra time for us to speak to the Environment Agency, stop the spread and dispose of the weed correctly.

In June, ducting works will continue on the central island, covering drainage, lighting installations, and utility road crossings. We will also be working on Keycol/Bobbing Hill. This includes the removal of the island at Keycol hill, earthworks, anchor installations and improvements to the footpath.

On Chestnut Street, we have completed the fill for new footpath embankment and have now started the construction of the new footpath. Further trial pit works will be carried out to assess the scope of UKPN cable and gas mains diversions ahead of the construction of the new slip road.

Working in the community

Arrangements are being made for the activities we will be getting involved with during the scheme. We will keep you informed in due course.

Kind regards,

The 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>

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