

Thanet Parkway Railway Station Scheme Update



December 2021

Purpose of this newsletter

To inform you of the latest progress with the project, including the main station building works and associated level crossing and signalling improvements.

We'll also provide an indicative programme for the construction work over the coming months.

Project Timeline:

2015 Public consultation on the concept and potential design of a station

2017 Public consultation on the outline design of the station

2018 Original planning application submitted

2019 Submission of a revised planning application

2020 Planning application determined

2020 Archaeological excavation and pre-construction activities

2021 Main station construction commences

2022 Main station construction complete - level crossing work along the line continues

May 2023 Start of passenger services



Aerial photograph of works underway September 2021.

Station Construction Update

The piling of the foundations for the platforms, lifts and staircases was completed in early August. Since then, work has continued to progress at a significant pace. Scaffolding was erected over the embankment to allow the completion of the steel structure, which was then followed by the installation of platform copers (the concrete sections of platform), which can be seen in the picture below. The lift and staircases have also begun to be clad to complement the existing brickwork of Petley's Arch.

The car park has also made significant progress with the drainage installed, base layers of the car park constructed, and kerbing now put into place. In the station forecourt, the new substation building and the cleaner's facilities have both been built. Overall, it's now looking much more like a railway station.



Car park construction underway.



Installation of platform copers during a line closure.

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Car park kerbs installed.

What works are coming up?

Over the next couple of months the acoustic barriers will be installed at the rear of the platforms, the cladding will be fixed to the sides of the stairs and lifts, and utilities will be connected. The car park works will be finishing alongside the construction of the cycleway.

Updates will also be available on project noticeboard at the Village Hall.

What other work has to happen before the station opens?

Thanet Parkway is part of a programme of wider improvements to the railway line between Ashford International/ Canterbury West and Ramsgate stations. This includes the upgrade of the level crossing at Cliffsend and some adjustments to the timings at the Sevenscore level crossing. There are also other measures to maintain journey times along the route. All of these must be completed before the new station can open.



Cliffsend Level Crossing.

The main station construction is due to be completed by May 2022, but work will be continuing along other parts of the railway line to prepare for the start of passenger services in May 2023.

Cliffsend level crossing is being converted from the current automatic half barrier crossing (two barriers down when a train approaches) to a full barrier crossing monitored by CCTV (four barriers down to completely close the road when a train approaches). This is a much safer form of level crossing.

Currently this project is still in the design stages and we will continue to update you and the residents living nearest the crossing as the details of the construction develop.

How you can get in touch or find out more

You can monitor the project website for updates at [Thanet Parkway on Kent.gov](https://www.kent.gov.uk/thanet-parkway)

You can call our Contact Centre on 03000 418181.

Or you can email us at thanetparkway@kent.gov.uk