

# Longfield Road Improvement Scheme

North Farm  
Tunbridge Wells

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## Highlights

The main construction of the new gyratory system at Great Lodge is almost complete with kerbing installed and work has started on the installation of the new pedestrian crossing. The retaining wall is constructed and high level kerbs installed outside BMW plus the installation of the new central island from Great Lodge to Dowding Way. Three separate visits are planned during this month to carry out night time surfacing works between Dowding Way and the A21.

Whilst there is still a lot of ancillary work to do, we are aiming to have the scheme substantially completed by the end of September. Work in October will generally be of a minor nature apart from some finishing works to the Knights Park roundabout surfacing which will require an additional visit by the night time surfacing team in early October.

It has been a challenging and exciting project to deliver and we are grateful for the support, assistance and at times, patience, whilst this vital improvement to the area has been built. The whole project team would like to extend their thanks to all the businesses, stakeholders and people who travel to, live and work in the area.



**Retaining wall, high level kerbs and central reserve at BMW**



## Progress to date

- Construction of the retaining wall adjacent to BMW and Dowding Way roundabout is complete along with the installation of high level kerbs.
- The new footpath near the Great Lodge junction and extending past John Lewis can now be fully utilised by pedestrians.
- Construction of the new carriageway and tie in to existing carriageway is complete near John Lewis and Carpet Right.
- The roundabouts at Knights Park and Kingstanding Way are now constructed and operational.
- Works to widen carriageway at the corner of Kingstanding Way and Longfield Road are complete and surfacing works have commenced.
- Surfacing works have been completed in various sections including the areas each side of the Knights Park junction, Kingstanding Way and the Great Lodge Retail park junction.
- Drainage works are progressing outside Argos and TK Maxx.
- Construction of the gyratory system near the Great Lodge Retail Park is well underway.
- Continued installation of new lighting columns and sign posts throughout the site.

**Construction of new gyratory at Great Lodge**



**New "through" lane from Knights Park to A21**

## Coming up over the next few weeks

- Installation of remaining utility services
- Completion of the gyratory system near the Great Lodge Retail
- Construction of wooden fencing on the top of the embankment near Knights Park and Kingstanding Way
- Road surfacing work will be undertaken at night
- Drainage construction and installation in various sections of the site.
- Addition of protective coating to the retaining walls outside Asda and Oak Furnitureland.
- Continue with installation of lighting columns, signs and associated ducting throughout the site
- Installation of the new pedestrian crossing near John Lewis.
- Construction of new access steps at Oak Furniture Land.
- Grass seeding of the new verges and embankments in various locations throughout the site.
- A separate Landscaping Contract is due to commence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November which will introduce new trees, grass seeding and shrubs/bushes throughout the entire site.



**New central reserve and surfacing – Knights Park to A21**



## A21 Scheme – Highways England Summary Update

In the period up to Christmas 2015 the A21 scheme works will increase in the Longfield Road area. The sliproads and roundabout on the western (Longfield Road) side of the new junction will be constructed and brought into operation. Work will then commence on the new bridge which will eventually take the A21 over the top of Longfield Road. During September the construction activity will also require the use of a temporary, traffic light controlled plant crossing of Longfield Road. The hours of operation of this crossing have been discussed with Kent County Council and confirmed to stakeholders by the A21 team.

Regular email notifications of closures, road layout changes and monthly scheme updates are issued by the A21 liaison team and these will continue until the scheme opens in December 2016. If you are not already receiving these updates, please send an email to [natalie.odwyer@bbmjv.com](mailto:natalie.odwyer@bbmjv.com) to ensure you are included for all future communications.

### Keeping you informed

Lafarge Tarmac has a dedicated Public Liaison Officer, Carole Jones, who is available to deal with any queries. She regularly engages with the local businesses and residents to update them on construction activities and address any concerns that may arise. You can contact her on the phone number and email address below.

There is also a drop-in Visitors Centre in the site compound for you to visit in person with any queries you may have. The centre is open Monday to Friday from 10:00am – 2:00pm (or by appointment) and is located in Knights Park.

#### Lafarge Tarmac Site Compound and Visitor Centre.

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