

Rennie Drive Fastrack Improvement Scheme

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Aerial shot of the Rennie Drive Junction to show progress as of June 2024



Dear Stakeholder,

Having successfully completed phase 2, we have now moved to bring a latter phase of the project forward earlier in our construction programme to suit some necessary utility works at the northern end of the junction. We will now be focusing our efforts in constructing the other half of the Fastrack southbound bus lane earlier than anticipated which will ensure our works alongside the utilities can be undertaken in situ.

Progress Update

Over the last month, we have been making every effort to complete the outstanding tasks within phases 1 and 2 as we looked to move into a latter phase of the project ahead of programme to suit the utility works that were required at the north of the junction. Earlier in the month we welcomed visits from our term maintenance contractor who installed the remaining street lighting column along the west side, the three new columns along the east side and as well as the feeder pillar which will power the ANPR camera to be installed at a later date.

Having moved our attention further north, we have predominately over the last two weeks been making a start in exposing all the existing utilities within the current verge so that the new road construction can start take to place which will form part of the new southbound bus lane. Working in co-ordination with BT and JSM there will be a period of joint working taking place over the coming weeks whilst they carry out their necessary utility works.

Having accelerated our programme in other areas, unfortunately unforeseen issues do occur which has resulted in our current planned completion as of June now changing to early November 2024. As works progress we will be looking at opportunities where time can be recovered which may result in this date changing again.

Traffic Management

We recently introduced a new 5-way traffic management arrangement onsite to suit the current working location, this includes an additional traffic signal being placed within the Fastway so that the busses can safely use the bridge.

Two new temporary pedestrian crossing points have also been introduced at the north of the junction and south of the Sainsburys entrance due to the existing crossing points being out of action whilst the temporary traffic management arrangement is in place.

Manual control of the lights will continue to be in place during the peak hours to ensure the junction is remained operational.

Stakeholder Liaison

We will continue in ensuring local stakeholders to the scheme are kept well informed of any developments onsite that may be of direct impact to business continuity, which includes ongoing liaison with bus service providers and our streetworks teams.

Progress Photos



Exposed utility cables from north east corner



Rennie Drive junction aerial shot (north).



Aerial shot of completed phase 1 and 2 works



TM being set up for next phase of working

For more information...

Please visit our website at www.kent.gov.uk/rennie-drive-dartford, or you can contact the project team direct at renniedrive@kent.gov.uk where more information can be provided or for any queries.

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