



A249 Key Street Improvement Scheme

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Aerial view of highway realignment works on Sheppey Way.

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Dear Stakeholder,

As you are aware, works on the Key Street scheme have started in earnest. In our first stakeholder exhibition meeting held at Bobbing Village Hall in December last year, we shared with you our plans to deliver the scheme in stages, and each stage to be carried out in small phases to reduce disruption for the public as much as possible.

We are currently working on stage A (details of phasing plans shown on the highlighted column).

Traffic Management

Please be informed that the current 24/7 southbound (towards Key Street roundabout) lane closure of Bobbing Hill has now been extended until **5pm on Friday 11 April**.

Traffic coming southbound out of Bobbing Hill is diverted via Cold Harbour Lane and Rooks Lane to Keycol Hill from where they can access Key Street roundabout, while access for traffic going northbound into Bobbing Hill from Key Street roundabout is maintained.

We are monitoring this closure and would urge drivers to not ignore the closure signs as this impacts the safety of pedestrians and workforce. Pedestrian access will continue to be maintained around the works, and we ask that members of the public use only the access that has been provided for safety.

Please, be informed that the lane 1 closure of the A249 northbound exit slip road onto Key Street roundabout is a safety measure in place to reduce the risk of accidents and to keep traffic in lane on approach to our works.

Details of further traffic management plans for the remaining phases of stage A will be communicated to stakeholders as the works continue to progress.

Project phasing plans

STAGE A

Phase 1a – Removal of existing central Island on Sheppey Way and installation of temporary tarmac.

Phase 1b – Installation of street furniture ducts and service diversion to Bobbing Hill.

Phase 1c – Bobbing Hill and Sheppey Way works. Service diversions, highway realignment, construction of toucan crossing, and installation of street furniture.

Phase 4 – Sheppey Way and Key Street works. Realignment of the road and footpath to Sheppey Way and Key Street, completion of the toucan to Sheppey Way and associated works.

Phase 2a – Keycol Hill and Bobbing Hill works – Removal of existing island and temporary surfacing to create space for traffic in the follow-on phases

Phase 3 – Complete north and south sides of Toucan Crossing to Sheppey way.

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Progress update and upcoming works:

We started off with Stage A works on the 27 January by installing traffic management to Sheppey Way to remove the existing central island. We have installed temporary tarmac to the island, completed the installation of road crossings and backfilling to Bobbing Hill.

We are currently carrying out works on the highway realignment of Sheppey Way, construction of toucan crossing and installing street furniture. We have also commenced drainage works, street lighting, kerbing and surfacing works to the carriageway and footpaths.

Working in the Community:

We have installed 20 Dormice nesting boxes across the site to provide shelter to the protected species. Additional Dormice habitats will also be provided later in the scheme.

On Wednesday 12 March 2025, Public Liaison officers Shannon and Juliet attended the annual Virtual Kent Schools conference which was held at the Kent Showground in Detling. They talked to teachers, parents and students about construction and apprenticeships available for starting a career in civil engineering.

We will be engaging more with local schools and the community as the scheme progresses.

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>

For concerns or enquiries, please send an email to KeyStreet@jackson-civils.co.uk or call the Jackson PLO on 07811941681

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