



A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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Works in progress

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GOOD WORKS



Dear stakeholder,

Major construction activities started on the southern gyratory late last year when the old A249 southbound exit slip road was closed. We have made good progress in this area, and the new slip road was opened to traffic ahead of the Christmas break.

The southbound exit slip road will remain open to traffic, under traffic management, as works continue around the Nicholls access and the former Swale Way roundabout, which now forms part of the southern gyratory.

We understand that there will be some challenges while navigating a new road layout. We ask that road users drive with care and follow signs as they travel through the works area.

Traffic Management Update

Changes to some of our planned works has meant we have had to make changes to the published dates for the installation of some of our traffic management plans. Updated traffic management dates are available to view on the Kent County Council project webpage - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects/in-progress-road-projects/A249-Grovehurst-Road>.

The current closure on the A249 southbound entry slip road is now scheduled to continue until April 2025. This is to allow us to remove the existing slip road and construct a new one that will align with the new southern gyratory.

The closure of Grovehurst Road south (B2005), towards Kemsley, has been rescheduled to start in February.

Any further changes to traffic management plans will be shared with you as soon as possible, alongside diversion routes where necessary, to help you plan your journeys.





Current and Upcoming Works

Northern Gyrotory

Works on the northern gyrotory continue to progress as Southern Water have now completed drilling in the area. Most construction activities are now complete in the northbound entry slip road area, including the installation of highway safety barriers to the offside of the slip road and the completion of the BT ducting works.

At the northbound exit slip road, earthworks and kerb preparation have progressed. Earthworks are continuing with the installation of Gabion basket foundations along with the Gabion baskets to the northern pond and the surrounding backfill to the rear of the Gabion baskets.

At the site of the new roundabout on Grovehurst Road north, some of the new drains have been installed, and we have started work to find the old and disused SGN gas pipes.

Bridge

Drainage pipes on the bridge are now complete, and we've installed safety barriers on both the bridge abutments to the verges of the A249. Backfilling to the abutment wing walls has also been completed.

Southern Gyrotory

In December, following works to the Nicholls access and the Swale Way tie-in, which included drainage, kerb installations, and road construction, the southbound exit slip road was opened over the Christmas break.

BT chamber covers have been raised to the appropriate level on the southbound exit slip. Highway safety barriers have also been installed on the offside of the exit slip, and further ducting works has been completed in the southern gyrotory.

Southern Water have completed the installation of water pipes from the north of the Gyrotory to the south eastern pond area. In the coming weeks, we will continue earthworks and removing tarmac from the existing southbound entry slip road, amongst other construction activities.





Working in the community

Before the Christmas break, we completed the lining for three new disabled parking bays at the Grovehurst Surgery, in Kemsley.

Kind regards,

The project team.

For more information about the Grovehurst Road Project, please visit: [A249 Grovehurst Road and interchange junction - Kent County Council](#) on the Kent County Council website.

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