

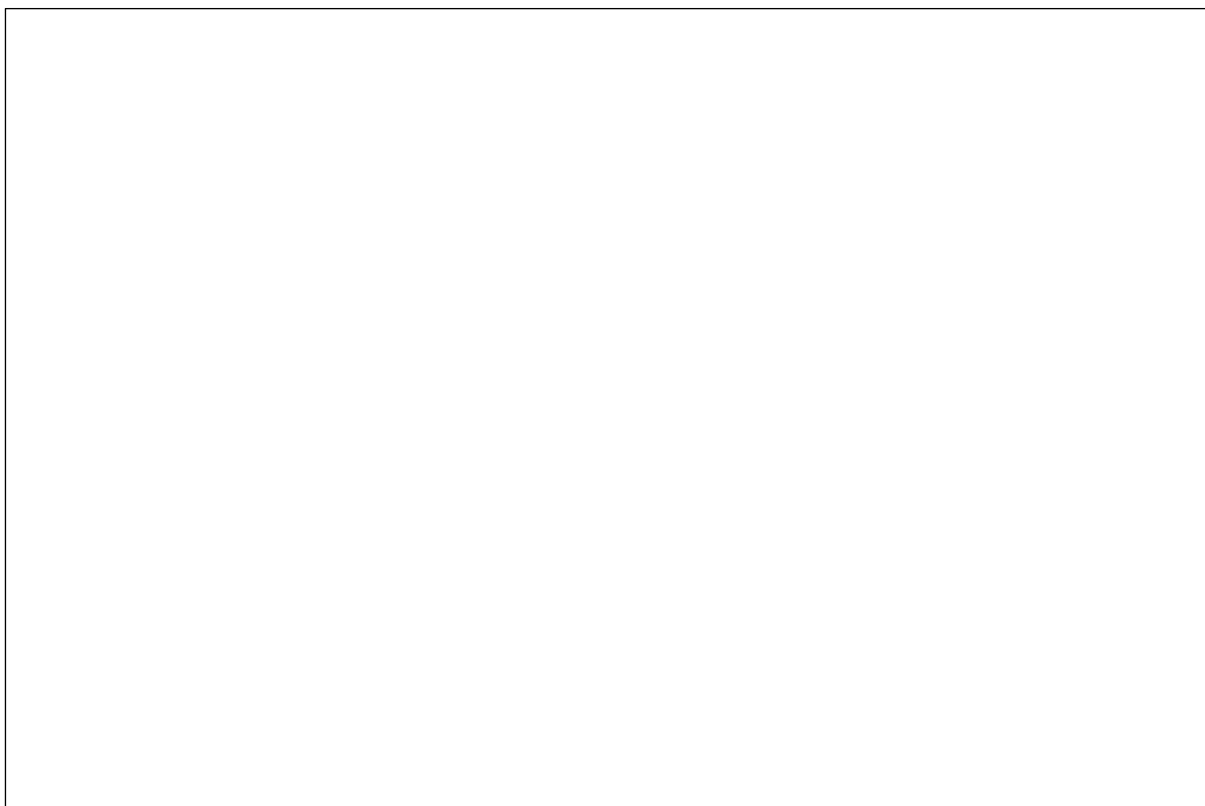


A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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Works progressing on the southern gyratory

We are considerate constructors



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Dear stakeholder,

The Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme has continued to progress, and we are still on schedule for completion in summer 2025. As always, we continue to find ways to adapt our traffic management plans to minimise congestion as much as possible.

Traffic Management Update

We are preparing to fully reopen the A249 in both directions by removing the traffic management from the road.

The north-bound A249 from 8pm Wednesday 18th December until 5am on Thursday 19th December to remove the barrier. The cones will remain in place until the barrier can be removed from the opposite southbound side, which will see the road closed again from 8pm on Thursday 19th December until 5am on Friday 20th December.

The road will then be fully reopened with two lanes in each direction. The traffic management will not be needed for the ongoing phases of the project, but occasional evening road closures will be required later in 2025.

As the works continue to progress, there will be closures of the A249 north and southbound slip roads, as well as closures to Grovehurst Road north (towards Iwade) and Grovehurst Road south (B2005) scheduled to take place from January 2025. Closer to the time, we will be sending out more details of these closures and diversion routes where applicable.

Please note that dates and times for these closures are now available to view in the Kent County Council website via the link below <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects/in-progress-road-projects/A249-Grovehurst-Road>.

Current and Upcoming Works

Northern Gyratory

At the new developers roundabout (towards Iwade), coal tar surfacing of the existing road has been removed, and utility service providers are now exposing unidentified and redundant services.





At the northbound entry slip road, dished drainage channel installation, gully reinstatement, and installation of vehicle restraint barriers are ongoing. Earthworks and embankment installation is also progressing in this area.

At the northbound exit slip road, vegetation clearance is now completed, and Southern Water will be undertaking directional drilling in this area.

New Bridge

Works on the wingwalls have progressed. Backfill around abutments and drainage installations are still ongoing. Parapet stringers on the bridge deck have been poured and now awaiting installation of the parapets in the coming weeks.

Southern Gyrotory

Drainage, earthworks and subbase activities have progressed in these areas. Kerbing, base and binder have been installed to the southbound exit slip road and part of the gyrotory. Ducting works for utility service cables, street lighting and signals are also progressing.

Ducting and drainage works have continued around Nicholls access. BT chamber and ducting works are now completed in the southern quadrant area. Temporary fill and type 1 for the temporary surfacing has been installed, and Southern Water are undertaking directional drilling activities in the bowl area of the gyrotory.

Working in the community

As part of our community engagement activities, on Thursday 7 November 2024, Jackson's Public Liaison Officer Juliet Fabelurin volunteered 2 hours to support the East Kent College Demetia Café in a Dementia Awareness event held at the Community Centre in West Faversham.

On Thursday 14 November 2024, Public Liaison Officer Juliet and Regional Engineer James Cordery attended a community development event at the Dockyard Church in Sheerness. The event tagged 10/10 was organised by the Sheppey Community Development Forum.



The event was a network of businesses and employers coming together to provide professional career guidance and relevant information to students and young people in order to help them make informed career choices and prepare them for the world of work.

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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.**

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