



A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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A249 Grovehurst Road junction



Dear stakeholder,

As the scheme progresses, we expect to open the new bridge to traffic soon. This will allow the gyratory to be used as planned. Before this happens, we will send out drawings of the new road layout and ask drivers to be careful as construction will still be happening.

Traffic Management Update

Due to delays, the reopening of both the A249 southbound entry and exit slip roads and Grovehurst Road south (B2005) has been extended.

When the current closures are lifted, we will need to close additional roads to complete the works on the northern roundabout. These roads are:

- A249 northbound entry and exit slip roads
- Grovehurst Road overbridge
- Grovehurst Road north (Iwade).

Full details of these closures and official diversion routes will be shared in our weekly traffic management updates to help you plan your journeys.

Drop-in session

Our next drop-in session is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday 29 April 2025 from 12:00noon until 1:00pm** at the Jacksons site compound. As always, project officers from Jacksons and Kent County Council will be available to talk about the scheme and answer any questions you may have.

Current and Upcoming Works

Northern Gyratory (Iwade side)

Earthworks, capping and subbase layering has now been completed at Grovehurst Road north and at the new developers' roundabout (towards Iwade).





UKPN has also completed High Voltage (HV) cabling and jointing, and we are anticipating to complete drainage, kerbing, surfacing and other construction activities during the upcoming closures.

Topsoil installation is still ongoing on both sides of the northbound entry slip and the area between the entry and exit slip roads which will form part of the new gyratory.

On the northbound exit slip road, sign bases have been installed on the near side, drainage works to the offside have progressed, and the installation of gulleys and manhole covers are also ongoing.

Bridge

Work on the new bridge is moving forward. Both ends of the bridge have been filled in. Signal ducts have been installed and concreted and we've finished installing kerb drains, waterproofing, and surfacing over the water.

We have also progressed drainage works and installed permanent barriers on the bridge sides. In the coming weeks, we will be laying tarmac on the bridge decks and the connections to the northbound entry and southbound exit slip roads.

Southern Gyratory (Swale Way side)

Topsoiling and planting have progressed on both sides of the southbound exit slip road. Gulleys and signal ducting installation has also progressed. Around the Nicholls access and Swale Way tie-in area, HV ducts and cables have been installed.

At the southbound entry slip road, earthworks, drainage, ducting, kerb line and subbase installation are all complete. Surfacing works are currently ongoing alongside other construction activities.

At Grovehurst Road south B2005, existing gulleys and kerb lines have been removed. Drainage and new gulleys are now being installed, alongside utility service ducts. Next, we will be working on the road surfacing.



Working in the community

We have visited local schools and attended careers fairs to meet students who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects, sharing work experience opportunities.

We will keep you updated on the remaining activities we will be involved in during the remaining months of the scheme.

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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