

The A249 Grovehurst Road Junction Improvement Scheme

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Installation of underground concrete reinforcements for new bridge

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Dear stakeholder,

Significant progress is being made at the project site, with earthworks operations and groundwork for the new slip roads currently underway. Underground works and installation of reinforced concrete for the new bridge have been successfully completed, and preparations for the above ground structure are now in progress on both sides of the A249.

Works Update and Upcoming Works

Structure

Throughout March, the focus of activities was primarily around the construction of below-ground concrete structures for the new bridge on both sides of the A249. These construction works have now been successfully completed.

In April, the construction of above-ground structures will begin, with the completion of the first wall anticipated by the end of the month. Additionally, 45-meter-long structural beams designed to support the new bridge, will be manufactured off-site and prepared for painting.

Highways

Alongside the structures team, the highways section is progressing as work continues. The following activities are currently ongoing and will continue into April:

- Earthworks operations and relocation of excess soil
- Kerbing activities
- Surveys of the existing drainage network and drainage installation across site
- Digging of trial holes to locate and divert existing utility services
- Monitoring traffic management
- Removal of vehicle protective metal barriers on both sides of the A249
- Construction of new road sections

Traffic Management Update

Traffic management plans are being monitored to ensure disruption is minimised as much as possible while working within safety standards. Future road closures will be directly communicated to stakeholders.



Progress Photos



Concrete reinforcements on both sides of the A249

Working in our Community

On March 7, a careers fair at The Sittingbourne School was dedicated to talking with pupils in years 9,10,11,12 and 13 to help them gain knowledge of different industries. Jacksons' Public Liaison Officers were present, introducing students to construction and civil engineering and answering questions about the company and career paths in the construction industry.

Soon after the careers fair, a group of engineering students from the University of Greenwich visited the A249 Grovehurst Road project site on the March 14. Site Agent Chris William provided a presentation detailing the project. The students were split into two groups with each group taking turns to tour the site and ask questions.

This visit helped the students gain practical insight into the field of engineering as they had the opportunity to observe a range of project elements such as drainage works, earthworks, and reinforced concrete structures. The visit proved to be both informative and beneficial for the students, enabling them to apply theoretical knowledge from their studies to real-world engineering practices.

Photos



Juliet and Shannon attending the careers fair at The Sittingbourne School



University of Greenwich engineering students on a guided tour of the project site

Finally, on March 21, some project team members from Jackson and Kent County Council attended and participated in the DS Smith Centenary Charity Quiz Night, helping to raise money for the Kent Cancer Trust.

Kind regards,

The Project Team

For more information about the Grovehurst Road Project, please visit: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/a249grovehurstroad> on the Kent County Council website.

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