



The A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme

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Aerial photo of works progressing on both sides of the A249.



Dear stakeholder,

We are continuing to make good progress on the scheme and remain on schedule. As we commence the major works of constructing the gyratory, the junction will be busier and minor disruptions to daily traffic flow are expected. We will continue to work safely within the limits of the construction area and maintain safety standards when in contact with road users.

Planned Weekend Road Closure

Between **7am on Saturday March 9 and 6am on Monday March 11, 2024**, there will be a full road closure both east and west bound between Swale Way roundabout and Barge Way roundabout. This is to enable us to install upgraded future utility services. Access to local residents will be maintained throughout the duration of the closure via the local access from Barge Way roundabout to Lloyds Drive and back.

Works Update & Upcoming Works

Structure

The structural piling ground improvements are now complete, along with the bulk earthworks on both sides of the A249. Either side of the bridge will now start to be formed in reinforced concrete starting below ground level.

Highways

Construction activities on the road throughout February and continuing into March, includes the relocation of excess soil, earthworks operations and digging of trial holes to locate existing utilities. Works on drainage surveys and drainage installation across the site are still ongoing, alongside construction of temporary access works, site clearance, diversion of existing utility services, construction of kerbs and removal of the metal barriers on both sides of the A249.

Information Hub

We held our first drop-in session on Tuesday February 20 in the site project Information Hub. Local businesses and residents who attended were able to view progress photos of the works and get more detailed information regarding schedules and phasing of the works. The Senior Project Manager for the scheme and Kent County Council were present to answer questions about the scheme.

The next drop-in session will be happening this month. Details will be sent to stakeholders in a separate notice.





Photos of project personnel speaking to stakeholders at the drop-in session

Progress Photos



Left: Load testing of piling works. Right: Drainage works

Working in our Community

To support a local community initiative, the project team recently donated £5,000 to Swale Gloves Amateur Boxing Club. The community club is based at the local Kemsley Village Hall, a short distance from the works. Senior Project Manager, Richard Du Preez, and Senior Public Liaison Officer, Shannon Acton-Brown, attended a training night to present the cheque.

The manager, who was happy to accept the donation on behalf of the boxing club, said more than 70 children regularly train with them, hence their need for more equipment and professional training for some of the coaches, and that the donation will be used to fund this.



We will continue to support local initiatives positively impacting the community.

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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