

Bearsted Road Improvement Scheme – Fortnightly Works Update (w/c 13/04/2026)

Dear Local Stakeholder,

Here is a brief update on upcoming works as part of the Bearsted Road Improvement Scheme. The following activities are planned over the coming fortnight, starting week commencing Monday 13 April.

Minimising Disruption: All works during this period are being carried out away from the live carriageway where possible. This approach allows construction to progress without the need for road closures or diversions, helping to minimise disruption to residents, businesses and road users.

Footpath Surfacing and Finishing Works – Newnham Court Road and Bearsted Road

Duration: Ongoing over the coming two weeks

What to expect: Works will continue to complete new footpaths, including final surfacing and finishing works along Newnham Court Road and sections of Bearsted Road. Surfacing works will also take place in front of the substation.

Fencing installation will also be completed along Newnham Court Road, including around the new roundabout.

Why are these works required? These works form part of the permanent infrastructure, providing new pedestrian routes and completing boundary treatments within the scheme.

Drainage Works – New Section of Bearsted Road

Duration: Week commencing Monday 13 April

What to expect: Deep drainage works will begin within the new section of Bearsted Road, where the embankment has recently been excavated. This will include installation of underground chambers and drainage pipes connecting towards the A249 roundabout.

Why are these works required? These works are required to install the permanent drainage network, which will manage surface water and support the new road layout.

Boundary Works and Footpath Realignment – A249 Roundabout

Duration: Following completion of drainage works

What to expect: Works will begin near the A249 roundabout to construct a new boundary line. This will include trial holes to locate existing services, vegetation clearance and preparation of the ground ahead of construction.

As part of these works, the existing footpath will be realigned to accommodate the future widening of the A249. The pedestrian crossing in this area will remain closed during this phase.

Why are these works required? These works are required to enable the widening of the A249 from three to four lanes and to accommodate the new footpath layout.

Earthworks and Muck Away – New Access Road

Duration: Ongoing (expected until mid next week)

What to expect: Ongoing removal of excavated material will continue from the new access road area. This is in relation to the large earthworks currently taking place to remove the current embankment on Bearsted Road. This will involve lorry movements transporting material off site as the embankment is cleared.

Why are these works required? These works are required to complete excavation of the embankment and prepare the area for construction of the new carriageway.

How are we minimising disruption? The presence of lorries in this area is a short-term requirement due to the volume of material currently being excavated and removed from site. We appreciate this can make access more difficult at times. To help manage this, additional measures are in place, including a banksman to assist with vehicle and lorry movements and a dedicated gatesman at the site access.

Kind Regards

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