

A249 Bearsted Road Improvement Scheme



Community Information Leaflet

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Project Progress Update

Over the past two months, the Bearsted Road Improvement Scheme has reached several key milestones, including a major programme of overnight works and continued construction of the widened carriageway. Overnight works will continue into August, with advance notice provided ahead of any temporary road or pedestrian layout changes.

Below is a summary of the latest progress on site:

1. Major Milestone Reached

A major programme of overnight works around the A249 roundabout has progressed well ahead of tarmac being laid. These works included new drainage, utility ducts, traffic signal infrastructure and road crossings that will support the improved junctions.

Thanks to excellent progress, the overnight closure of Bearsted Road between the A249 and KIMS Hospital roundabouts finished three nights ahead of schedule, allowing the road to reopen earlier than planned.

2. New Carriageway Taking Shape

Construction continues on the western side of the scheme, with the retaining wall adjacent to Newnham Court Shopping Village now complete. Recent works include footpath construction, drainage installation, underground ducting for street lights and traffic signals, and new road foundations, helping shape the future road layout.

3. Newnham Court Veterinary Hospital Access Improvements

Resurfacing and road marking works have now been completed within the Newnham Court Veterinary Hospital car park, alongside the new mini-roundabout at the site entrance. The completed works provide improved access for visitors and staff.



Next Steps: Moving Towards the Traffic Switch

Preparations continue for a future traffic switch. This will see vehicles being re-aligned onto the newly constructed carriageway and pedestrians transferred onto the new footpaths along Bearsted Road and KIMS hospital roundabout. This will allow reconstruction of the existing carriageway while keeping the route open to traffic.

Completion of the BT utility diversion in July marks a pivotal milestone for the scheme. With these services successfully relocated, work can now continue on the remaining infrastructure required before the future traffic switch takes place.

The traffic switch is currently anticipated to take place towards the end of September, subject to construction progress and any unforeseen circumstances. Residents and businesses will receive further updates as the programme progresses.



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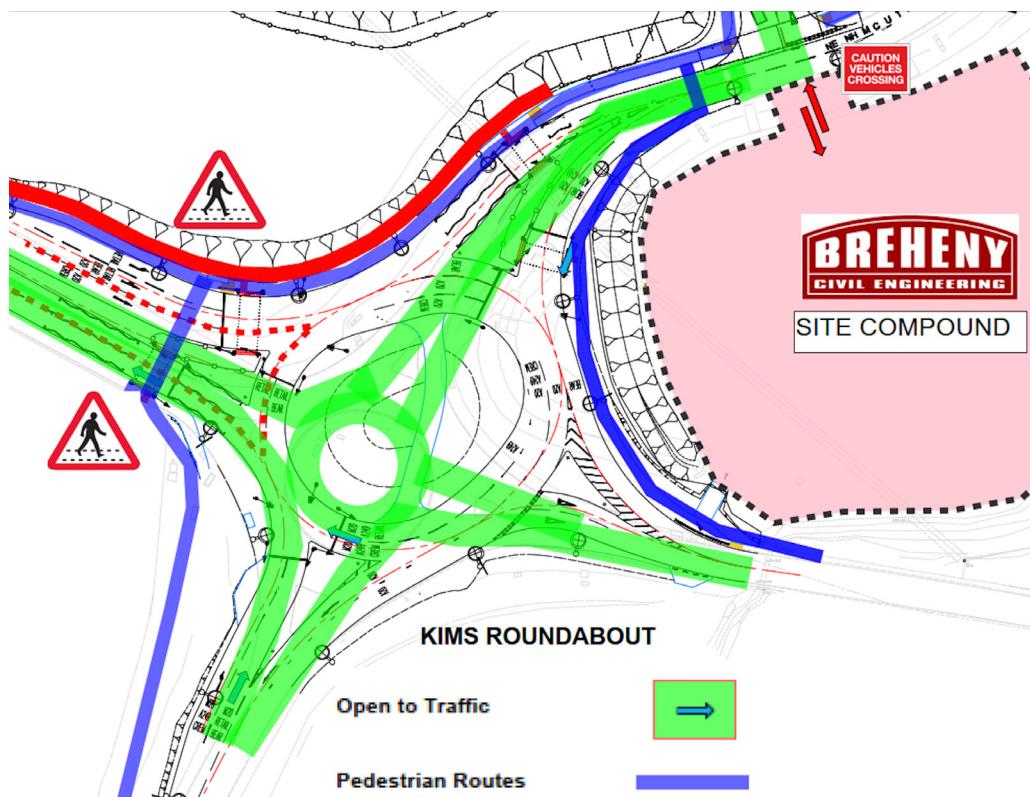
Maximising the Summer Holiday Working Window

The summer school holidays provide an opportunity to complete more work while traffic and pedestrian movements are typically lower. Throughout August, the project team will maximise this quieter period by undertaking additional daytime activities where possible, helping to maintain progress towards the next key milestone.

This will include a footpath diversion from Thursday 30th July for the foreseeable future of the scheme around the Bearsted Road/KIMS Hospital Roundabout. This is shown in the plan below.

Residents and businesses will continue to receive advance notice of any temporary traffic management or pedestrian route changes.

Drawing: Footpath and Road Temporary Alteration



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Beyond the Construction Site

As part of our commitment to delivering lasting benefits beyond the construction works, the Bearsted Road project team recently visited Snowfields Academy to deliver an interactive workshop introducing students to the world of construction. Through a series of hands-on activities, pupils explored how roads are built, the importance of drainage and traffic management, and the wide variety of careers involved in delivering major infrastructure projects. The session encouraged teamwork, problem-solving and gave students a practical insight into the industry.



Local Community Events and Opportunity

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting the local community, we are pleased to help promote several upcoming local events taking place across Maidstone this summer:

Catch22 Pre-Employment Course

Starts September 2026
(Applications Open Now)

Free training, qualifications and employability support for young people aged 16–19 (up to 25 with an EHCP) to help prepare for further education, training or employment.



Bearsted Repair Cafe

26th September 2026
(14:15-17:00)

Bring along broken household items and receive free repair advice from skilled local volunteers. Help reduce waste, save money and give everyday items a new lease of life at this welcoming community event.



Mote Park Heritage Walk

19th September 2026
(11:00am – 12:30pm)

Discover the fascinating history of Mote Park, from its historic estate and landscape to the wildlife and hidden features that make it such a special place today. Suitable for all ages. Booking is recommended.



Stay Updated

Residents and businesses can continue to receive regular updates about the scheme by visiting and registering your details via : www.bearstedroad.co.uk

You can also contact the project team directly:

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