

Highway Improvements in Your Area

Carriageway Resurfacing



A229 Blue Bell Hill, Aylesford

ADVANCED NOTIFICATION OF WORKS

When we plan to carry out the work and how long it will take:

This is to let you know that, as part of the maintenance and improvement of the Kent's Resilient Highway Network, Kent County Council will be undertaking carriageway strengthening and resurfacing on the A229 Blue Bell Hill, Aylesford. These works will be undertaken over several phases on the A229 in both directions and surrounding sympathetic sites between the Running Horse Roundabout to the Lord Lees / Taddington Roundabouts. The phases are due to be completed between January to March 2019 and are detailed below.

The phases, dates and durations of these works will be as follows:

- **A229 Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone (Entry Slip onto A229 Northbound from M20 off slip/ Cobtree Roundabout):** Resurfacing works on the A229 between M20 off Slip / Cobtree Roundabout to mainline A229 northbound. These works are planned to commence on the **18th January 2019 for 2 consecutive nights (including weekend night working) between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works.** The diversion will be advised separately prior to the start of works and a fully signed diversion will be in place.
- **A229 Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone (Northbound off slip from mainline A229 to Lord Lees Roundabout):** Resurfacing works on the A229 between A229 northbound and Lord Lees Roundabout. These works are planned to commence on the **25th January 2019 for 4 consecutive nights (including weekend night working) between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works.** The diversion will be advised separately prior to the start of works and a fully signed diversion will be in place.
- **A229 Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone (The Cobtree Roundabout circulatory and approaches):** Resurfacing works on the A229 at the Cobtree Roundabout. These works are planned to commence on the **18th February 2019 for 4 consecutive weekday nights between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works.** The diversion will be advised separately prior to the start of works and a fully signed diversion will be in place.
- **A229 Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone (The link road between The Lord Lees and Taddington Woods Roundabouts in both directions):** Resurfacing works on the A229 Link Road between Lord Lees and Taddington Woods Roundabouts. These works are planned to commence on the **22nd February 2019 for 7 consecutive nights (including weekend night working) between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works.** The diversion will be advised separately prior to the start of works and a fully signed diversion will be in place.
- **A229 Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone (The Lord Lees Roundabout circulatory):** Resurfacing works on the Lord Lees Roundabout circulatory. These works are planned to commence on the **24th February 2019 for 8 consecutive nights (including weekend night working) between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works.** The diversion will be advised separately prior to the start of works and a fully signed diversion will be in place. These works will overlap with the resurfacing of the Link Road between Lord Lees and Taddington Woods Roundabouts and the diversion will be inclusive of these sites.
- **A229 Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone (Taddington Woods Roundabout circulatory):** Resurfacing works on the Taddington Woods Roundabout circulatory. These works are planned to commence on the **2nd March 2019 for 6 consecutive nights (including weekend night working) between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works.** The diversion will be advised separately prior to the start of works and a fully signed diversion will be in place. These works will overlap with the resurfacing of the Link Road and Lord Lees Roundabout and the diversion will be inclusive of these sites.
- **A229 Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone (A2045 Off / On Slip from and to Taddington Woods Roundabout):** Resurfacing works on the A2045 Walderslade Woods, the off slip and on slip from the Taddington Woods Roundabout to the resurfacing on the A2045 completed early 2018). These works are planned to commence on the **9th March 2019 for 2 consecutive nights (including weekend night working) between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works.** The diversion will be advised separately prior to the start of works and a fully signed diversion will be in place.

- **A229 Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone (A229 Blue Bell Hill Mainline Southbound):** Resurfacing works on the southbound mainline A229 between Lord Lees Roundabout to Cobtree Roundabout. These works are planned to commence on the **10th March 2019 for 11 consecutive nights (including weekend night working) between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works.** The diversion will utilise the M2 coastbound from junction 3 to junction 5, The A249 Southbound to the M20, The M20 London bound from junction 7 to junction 6.

You will receive individual SOWNs to confirm the details for each phase of works as and when required. Please be aware that due to the nature of the works and the time of year they are being undertaken, it is possible that dates and durations can change at short notice due to poor weather and unforeseen circumstances. We will undertake every effort to minimise disruption and keep you informed of changes as they occur.

How we will let you know further details regarding these works

As part of our stakeholder communications strategy, we will provide further details on these works as we approach the start dates as per the structure below:

- Further electronic Start of Works Notifications will be sent 14 days and one week prior to the works. These will confirm the start date and provide information on our method of working and any operation issues you should be aware of.
- Letter drops to residents and key businesses and facilities will be completed 14 days in advance of the works where appropriate.
- Further communications via Twitter and Facebook to compliment the above.
- VMS Signage will be placed on site on the A229 at the appropriate sites to advise road users of our closure approximately two weeks prior to the start date.

Why are we doing this work?

The majority of capital investment in maintaining our highway network is funded through various capital maintenance grants from the Government. To make best use of that finite resource we carry out condition surveys and inspections, using a combination of mechanical and visual means, together with an assessment of local needs, and that helps to inform an annual capital works programme that balances value for money and our duties under the Highways Act 1980. Our approach to highways asset management is based on using robust data to inform how we invest the funds available, so that we spend the right amount of money at the right time to reduce the cost of maintenance overall. Further details of our works programmes and our approach to highways asset management more generally can be found at www.kent.gov.uk.

How you can help

During these essential works, it will be necessary to close the road completely, so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users. An alternative diversion route will be signed while the road is closed. The footways will remain open at all times.

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, but we will try to keep this to a minimum. Restricted Access to residential properties and all businesses up to the closure point, will be available, when safe to do so, but if you have any access needs, please let the workforce on site know. Access to properties between the closure points will need to be restricted for a short period while work is carried out in front of each property and across road junctions. Traffic Management operatives will be available to help direct traffic within the closure.

For your safety and the safety of our workforce, please drive carefully and slowly through the roadworks.

How to contact us?

If you need more information, you can visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways to find out how we look after the roads throughout Kent or report any faults you find on our roads. Alternatively, you can call us on **03000 41 81 81**.