

Highway Improvements in Your Area

Carriageway Resurfacing



A249 Detling Hill / Sittingbourne Road, Detling

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 A249 Detling Hill, Detling. These works will be undertaken over several phases on both the northbound and southbound carriageway between Stockbury Roundabout to the M20 junction 7. 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:

- **A249 Detling Hill, Detling (Southbound)**: Resurfacing works on the A249 southbound between Stockbury Roundabout to the M20 J7 Roundabout under a full southbound road closure. These works are planned to commence on the **14th January 2019 for 4 consecutive weekday nights between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works**. The diversion will utilise the M20 between junction 7 to 6, the A229 Blue Bell Hill and the M2 between junctions 3 to 5. Please note the northbound carriageway will remain open at all times.
- **A249 Detling Hill, Detling (Southbound)**: Resurfacing works on the A249 southbound between Stockbury Roundabout to the M20 J7 Roundabout under a full southbound road closure. These works are planned to commence on the **21st January 2019 for 3 consecutive weekday nights between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works**. The diversion will utilise the M20 between junction 7 to 6, the A229 Blue Bell Hill and the M2 between junctions 3 to 5. Please note the northbound carriageway will remain open at all times.
- **A249 Detling Hill, Detling (Southbound)**: Resurfacing works on the A249 southbound between Stockbury Roundabout to the M20 J7 Roundabout under a full southbound road closure. These works are planned to commence on the **28th January 2019 for 4 consecutive weekday nights between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works**. The diversion will utilise the M20 between junction 7 to 6, the A229 Blue Bell Hill and the M2 between junctions 3 to 5. Please note the northbound carriageway will remain open at all times.
- **A249 Detling Hill, Detling (Northbound)**: Resurfacing works on the A249 northbound between the junction with the M20 to the Stockbury Roundabout under a full northbound road closure. These works are planned to commence on the **3rd February 2019 for 15 consecutive nights between 20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works which will include weekends night working and week nights**. The diversion will utilise the M20 between junction 7 to 6, the A229 Blue Bell Hill and the M2 between junctions 3 to 5. Please note the southbound carriageway will remain open at all times during these works.

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 date as per the structure below:

- Further electronic Start of Works Notifications will be sent 14 days and 1 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.
- Further communications via Twitter and Facebook to compliment the above.
- VMS Signage will be placed on site on the mainline A249 in both directions to advise road users of our closure approximately 2 weeks prior to the start date. All junctions onto the A249 Detling Hill will have advanced warning boards to ensure road users are made aware regardless of access preferences.

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**.

WARNING – Beware Bogus Callers

Kent County Council Highways, Transportation and Waste do not allow works to be carried out on private properties. If anyone says they are working for us or our specialist contractors and offer to carry out any work for cash, they should be treated with caution. We advise you to contact Citizen's Advice on 03444 111 444 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)