

Folkestone – A Brighter Future

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Gas diversion works located along Cheriton Road.

To members of the public,

As you may be aware, our works around Shellons Street have advanced significantly, with new footpaths and crossing points put into place and opened for public use, and a tabletop crossing to prevent vehicles from speeding. You may have seen we have begun working along Sandgate Road in the town centre adjacent to Costa.

Unfortunately, as part of the improvement works it is necessary to remove a small number of trees. Two of these have been removed already and the remaining two trees will be removed once nesting birds are no longer present. Nine semi-mature trees - five *Acer rubrum* "Redpointe" and four *Prunus padus* - around five metres in height will be planted in the area instead alongside new planters with flowers and new seating. This will enhance that area of town, creating a more attractive and inviting environment, to enhance the user experience, which we are hoping will bring the community together, and attract more people to this area of town.

Traffic Management

From mid-September the Shellons Street westbound nearside lane will be closed with one lane open to traffic. Temporary road signals will be used at Gloucester Place with on demand sensors operating for exit to ensure traffic from Shellons Street moves as freely as possible. Pedestrians will be able to use existing footways and cycleways. If these dates change, a traffic management update will be issued, and the district council will be informed to ensure their webpage is updated.

In the upcoming weeks we will begin drainage works at Middelburg Square East. This requires the closure of the nearside lane next to Alford Bros Motorbike Shop and the end of Cheriton Road. There will be one lane of traffic open throughout; pedestrians will be able to use existing footways/cycleways and temporary footways in closed areas. There will be bespoke delivery access/ general access arrangements for 22 to 30 Cheriton Road and Alford Bros Shop throughout. We will provide notice to residents, involving a detailed letter drop, containing exact dates and details of works.

In the next few weeks, you will see the outside lane closed on Middelburg Square East and Foresters Way to enable works with one lane open to traffic throughout. For the first couple of weeks of September the nearside lane of Middelburg Square North adjacent to old Saga building and Millfield Road will be closed to enable works, with one lane still open to enable traffic

throughout on temporary alignment. The public carpark also remains open throughout. Pedestrians will be diverted along footways in Millfield Road.

Closure of Folkestone bus station

As you probably know Bouverie Square is returning to its former use as a garden square and a new linear bus station is being created.

The current Folkestone bus station will close on Saturday 20 September. To minimise service disruption temporary bus stops will operate from 21 September while this work is completed.

Stagecoach has created a diagram displaying the positions of these new temporary stops and the routes using them. [You can view this diagram and find out more about bus services on the dedicated page on the Stagecoach website.](#)

Other progress

We have successfully infilled the two subways which are located around Middelburg Square. At Middelburg Square West we have begun constructing a new road and will begin installing new kerbs during the next few weeks. Over the next month at Middelburg Square North the works will be completed, the ground will be levelled up, planters containing flowers/ greenery will be put into place, and the safety fencing will be taken down. At Middelburg Square South we have begun constructing a new footpath which is almost complete and will soon be installing new kerbs. The next phase of the works at Middelburg Square South will consist of installing new block paving and extending the footpath and planters. We are aiming to have this complete by the end of September.

Our works at Radnor Park roundabout are progressing, with newly constructed footpaths put into place. As a result of the recent overnight works, we have completed laying the first layer of asphalt on the road in that area before the installation of the cycle lanes. We will then begin laying the final layer in the coming month during the nighttime closures. There will be ample notice of these nighttime closures provided and an update containing a detailed description with dates will be sent out regarding these works. We are currently negotiating existing services before the footpath works commence on the side of Radnor Park roundabout that is closest to the train station. All works around Radnor Park roundabout will be complete by the end of October 2025.

The gas diversion works along Cheriton Road will soon be complete. The old gas main has been made redundant, and the new gas main is now live. The back filling of the excavations will be undertaken this weekend, and the completion of the road surface will be complete the first week of September. The next phase of these works which entail the excavation for the rain gardens which will start in the first few weeks of September

Progress Photos



Here we are installing a temporary road by Middelburg Square Island while we construct and relocate a new lane.

Newley resurfaced footways adjacent to the Saga building/bus station.



Community works

The past month we have been engaging with local businesses, providing advanced notices of upcoming works and delivering transparent and communicative information. With constant engagement we have been able to receive feedback from local businesses, and residents. People have raised their concerns and have also provided much positive feedback about not only the works, but the site team members on the ground. If you have any concerns or queries or would like to know more about the scheme, please reach out to our local Public Liaison Officer. We would like everyone to feel a part of this scheme and have their voices heard.

For more information on the roads scheme, please visit Kent County Council's website.

www.kent.gov.uk/folkestoneabrighterfuture

For more information about Folkestone – A Brighter Future please visit Folkestone & Hythe District Council's website: www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/FABF

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