

# Folkestone – A Brighter Future

Newsletter Issue 6



Middelburg Square West.

**To members of the public,**

The Folkestone - 'A Brighter Future' scheme has progressed significantly in the past few months. The temporary bus station has been operational with the opening of the pathway located at Middelburg Square South.

Temporary flag poles have been erected adjacent to Primark, and new timetables have been provided by Stagecoach.

Shelters are coming for this temporary set up and will themselves be an interim solution until the new permanent 'living roof' shelters arrive later in the project. Bauer Media Outdoor (BMO) were awarded the Concession Contract for the Supply and Maintenance of Passenger (Bus) Shelters and Advertising. Unfortunately, they have been let down by their overseas supplier resulting in a frustrating delay. Council officers reacted quickly knowing the impact this would have on bus users and have been liaising with BMO to find an interim solution. The good news is that BMO plan to provide brand new interim bus shelters for the temporary bus stops. Urgent discussions are being held to work out the implementation plans, with all efforts being made for an installation date in October.

We continue to work with Stagecoach to minimise disruption to operations and their bus users and will deliver modifications to the traffic management when identified. Folkestone bus station has now closed permanently and has since been fenced off. We have begun to store materials needed for the works and our next step is to dig trial holes for potential utility diversions.

**Temporary flag poles and new paving adjacent to Primark.**





**Works along Sandgate Road – there is still access to shops along either side of the area being worked on. These works will continue throughout November.**

## **Traffic Management**

We have started drainage works along Cheriton Road, which involve the installation of rain gardens. Cheriton Road will be narrowed in a similar fashion to the recent gas diversion along Cheriton Road whilst we carry out these works. A live running lane will always be provided to facilitate traffic flow. The junction of Coolinge Road to Cheriton Road will now be closed from the 9th October until the 21st October to facilitate these works. The junction of the Broadmead Road adjacent to The Park Inn pub will be closed from the 13<sup>th</sup> October until the 17<sup>th</sup> October as the existing junction is improved. Letters have been distributed to residents advising of the works.

## **Progress update and upcoming works**

Along Sandgate Road we have removed existing guardrails, benches, cycle racks and bollards, broken out granite paving, and investigated services. These works have taken place so we can construct planters, plant new trees and excavate to new levels to install tree anchors. In upcoming weeks, we will undertake a site clearance of the area in preparation for installing the new footway. Advanced warning and a pedestrian diversion will be provided prior to works starting. Access will always be provided to residents and businesses, with sufficient space for emergency vehicles, while we complete these works.

At Middelburg North we have installed new kerbs and edgings, footway base, binder and surface course. In October we will start the new footway works at Middelburg North and along Middelburg

South. We have started works along Shellons Street Westbound by breaking out the carriageway for new kerbs. We will then begin phase 2C of the works at St Eanswythe Way; these works entail the completion of raised tabletop works and a new footway. At Shellons Street Eastbound Bauer Outdoor Media will install the new bus shelter in this location, once this is in place we can then complete footway surfacing in that area.

Over the next month at Radnor Park, we will be switching our works over to the opposite side of the roundabout (adjacent to The Park Inn) so we can complete the final surfacing of the footways and cycleways. We will then install conservation kerbs and planter walls as well as new bollards. You will then see new traffic signals and a new zebra crossing. Works at Radnor Park will now be complete mid-November due to unforeseen conditions causing a change in scope

### Progress Photos



**New kerbs and footways being installed along Middelburg North.**

**New island works at Radnor Park roundabout.**





**New kerbs and works for cycleways near Radnor Park roundabout.**

## Community works

In September, we frequently engaged with local businesses and stakeholders, providing up to date information and addressing any concerns and queries. We have been liaising with The Beacon School and have an upcoming meeting with them early this month which we are looking forward to.

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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/folkestoneabrighterfuture)

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