

Folkestone – A Brighter Future

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Cheriton Road / Connaught Road works

To members of the public,

The Folkestone - A Brighter Future Scheme has accelerated immensely, with many noticeable upgrades to areas and the scheme now more than 70% complete.

Cheriton Road

The rain gardens along Cheriton Road are now complete. Further down at Connaught Road we have broken out and resurfaced redundant footways, installed a tabletop crossing in addition to crossing kerbs and asphalt for tabletop ramps. We have broken out a redundant planter and reused and transported existing planting to the Radnor Park area. The newly constructed planter will be excavated to ground level and will then be planted up in the next planting season. After this work is completed we will move further towards the centre of town. On the 15th of June we will need to close the entrance of Victoria Grove for two weeks, this is so we can safely break out redundant footways, prepare for tabletop crossing, install crossing kerbs and then finally install asphalt to the table ramp.



Shorncliffe Junction

Last month the final surfacing works at Shorncliffe junction were carried out, high friction anti-skid treatment was installed to the roads to ensure the safety of road users and pedestrians. A number of planters at the junction have been planted and all civils works in this area are now complete with only some landscaping works remaining which will be completed in the next planting season.



Station Approach / Radnor Park Roundabout

We have continued upgrading footways and signalised crossings at Station Approach and will soon be carrying out overnight works over the course of four evenings in this area. On Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th we will need to close Radnor Park roundabout during the evenings. During this time station approach will still be accessible travelling from the south.

On these nights we will begin carrying out kerb repairs and CCTV drainage surveys. Traffic will be diverted via Cherry Garden Avenue, Churchill Avenue Canterbury Road, Black Bull Road then either towards the town centre or Radnor Park Road. The journey can also be travelled from the opposite direction. On Wednesday the 10th Station Approach will be closed in the evening so we can carry out junction surfacing works. Radnor Park roundabout will still be accessible when travelling from East to West or West to East. Access will always be maintained to the station. On the final evening on the 11th, Radnor Park roundabout and station approach will be closed to complete the final sections of road markings.

Guildhall Street / Shellons Street

The preparation works for the pedestrian footbridge at the top of Guildhall Street North have commenced. We have begun to excavate for foundations; we will then set framework by pouring concrete and plinths will then be reinforced. Progress photos of these works will be provided monthly.

In mid-June we will be carrying out surfacing works at Gloucester Drive, safety fencing, adequate signage and traffic signals will be erected so we can safely prepare for and install a half-raised tabletop crossing. These works will be carried out for a total of two days, access to Gloucester Drive will always be maintained during this time.

Sandgate Road

Along Sandgate Road we have been excavating trenches and trial holes so we can carry out power connection works. We are currently waiting on UKPN to provide a new power supply to the new market street feeder pillars. Once this is complete, we will complete the remainder of construction works i.e. reinstate granite and edgings around feeder pillars, reinstate cobbles to area. The Heras fencing will then be localised to the planters, and pedestrian walkways will be reopened. Planting in this area will be carried out in the next planting season.

Middelburg square East

The paving works along Middelburg Square East are now complete. We have since been focusing on the island preparation works which included breaking out redundant kerbs and footways and installing new kerbs and edgings. Over the next month we will carry out the remainder of island works which entail surfacing the area, installing paving slabs and setting footway covers, installing asphalt, high friction surfacing and then applying road markings.

Middelburg Square West

During May we successfully infilled the subway ramp and removed the existing wall from the ground level to the subway ramp. Going forward, we will be installing the second rain garden in this area to the front of the subway ramp and connecting all the associated drainage before placing topsoil and planting.

Bouverie Square public realm area

Last month we successfully installed the infiltration tank, installed metal edgings, and then constructed foundations for the benches. Preparation works for granite paving also took place. Over the next month this area will begin to transform and there will be noticeable visual improvements. Tree pits in paved areas will be installed as well as RootCell. RootCell is a underground system made of 100% recycled plastic, this underground system maintains and promotes healthy root zones while also protecting the paving above. This is a long-term solution that prevents soil from compacting and ensures the conservation of roots.

Archaeology

There have been no recent findings over the past month, trial holes have been carried out in all areas which are next to be excavated. The archaeologist is currently drafting a report of all findings so far throughout the Folkestone - A Brighter Future scheme.

Planting Update

Throughout May we encountered some extremely hot weather which impacted the existing planting, our sub-contractor took immediate action to prevent plants from dying. Operatives have since been attending site to water all planted areas every other day. Plants are still being monitored closely, and all planting will be complete by the next planting season.



Community works

Over the past month Jackson have been continuing with engaging with local businesses and residents, providing information and advanced notices of works. Jackson have also been working closely with schools, offering work experience and career workshops, as well as tailored activities. So far throughout the scheme a total of 32 students have completed work experience here on the Folkestone - A Brighter Future Scheme. These students are local to the area, so it has been great that they have been able to get involved and take part in such an exciting opportunity.

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

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