

A249 Bearsted Road Improvement Scheme



Community Information Leaflet

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Breheny Civil Engineering is delivering the project on behalf of Kent County Council. Work started in August 2025, with a scheduled duration of 15 months, taking the works through to early 2027.

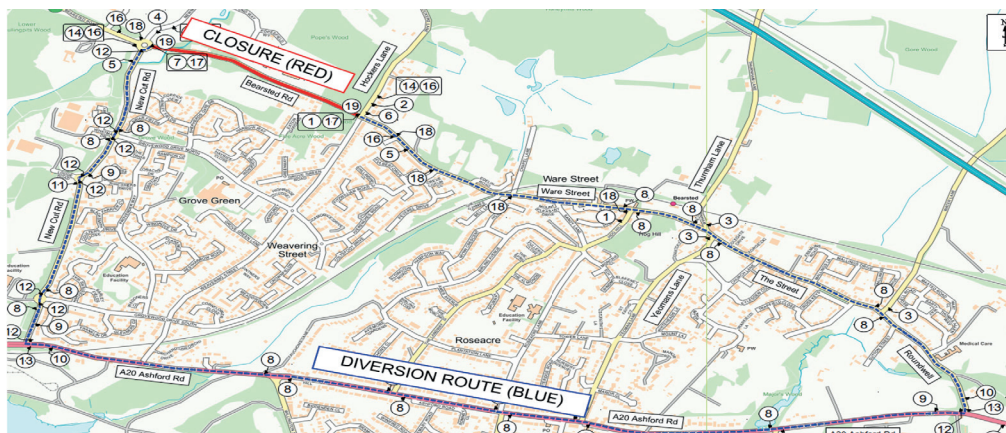
The A249 Bearsted Road forms part of the key route to accommodate traffic for Maidstone Town Centre, whilst forming a vital link between residential areas, local schools and businesses.

ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

From Monday 20 October, there will be a full road closure in place to Bearsted Road (east of Kims Roundabout to Hockers Lane/Ware St Junction), for a duration of approximately 16 weeks.

The closure is required for Openreach and UKPN to complete diversion works which will involve open excavations within the road. Therefore it is imperative to close the road to ensure the safety of road users and operatives. There will be a diversion in place as outlined in the diagram below (via New Cut Road, A20, Roundwell & Ware Street), which will be clearly signposted.

To mitigate potential future closures, Breheny will also be utilising this road closure to undertake other works including the construction of a new Substation adjacent to Gidds Pond Cottages.



Diversion route shown above

We are also planning to undertake some night works towards the end of October and into early November to minimise disruption on the local network.

Overall Strategy

The ongoing works to the Bearsted Road Improvement scheme have been planned and phased in the least disruptive manner possible. We will be making our best endeavours to minimise disruption for road users and pedestrians for the entirety of the scheme. Most of the critical tasks will be undertaken off line and segregated from footpaths & live traffic. To date we have undertaken a significant amount of works 'offline' without having to impact the live traffic. Certain critical future tasks will however need to be undertaken at night under road closures, which is the least disruptive window for working. These will be notified in advance.



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Progress to date

Progress to New Access Road

Construction has commenced away from the highway to create the new access roads to Newham Court Shopping Village.

- Site clearance works including topsoil strip, and installation of boundary fencing.
- Excavation of road extents for the access to the shopping village.
- Site investigation works to locate existing services.
- Drainage installation is complete.
- Road construction is underway.
- Preparation works for kerb installation and tarmac to new access road are ongoing with the first Asphalt (Tarmac) works planned for early November.



The New Access Road is well underway

Progress to Bearsted Road:

- Initial site clearance works including vegetation under ecological supervision.
- Site investigation works to locate existing services. Further clearance works including removal of fencing and street furniture.
- Topsoil strip to existing embankments (following initial clearance works).
- Installation of safety barrier to delineate works area from public.
- Bulk earthworks nearly complete on the eastern extents, including excavation of existing embankments.
- Excavation to the new road extents are also underway.

Forthcoming works to Bearsted Road:

- Placement of aggregates for road construction is underway.
- Drainage works are due to commence shortly.
- Preparation works for the new retaining wall are underway.



Excavation works to the new eastern extents are progressing well

Traffic and Pedestrian Management

At various periods through the scheme, the following will be implemented all of which will be notified in advance:

- Temporary lane closures will be implemented throughout the project during off-peak times wherever possible, ensuring minimal disturbance to the traffic.
- Full night-time road closures will be required for certain works, but we will ensure that access is maintained for emergency services. These closures will be advertised in advance.
- Footpaths and pedestrian routes will remain open, but may be subject to change as the works progress.
- On occasions, during the project there may be a need to undertake work at weekends.



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The Bearsted Road Team

We are here to keep you informed and supported throughout the Bearsted Road Improvement Scheme. If you have any questions, feedback, or would like to speak to someone directly, the Team is here to help.

Book a one-to-one meeting:

You can schedule a face-to-face meeting with a member of the team, please email Jess at j.smith@breheny.co.uk

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