

Road Maintenance in Your Area

Road Surface Improvement (Resurfacing)



A249 Sittingbourne Road, Detling to Stockbury

Works overview

Kent County Council will shortly be **resurfacing sections of the A249 Sittingbourne Road in a northbound (Sittingbourne-bound) direction only, between the Junction 7 interchange of the M20 and the Church Hill junction**. This work forms part of our annual maintenance programme to renew road surfaces. We appreciate that roadworks can be disruptive, and we will work efficiently to complete the scheme within the stated timeframe.

Dates and working hours

- Work is planned to start on: **(Evening of) Tuesday 5th May**
- Expected duration: **10 nights**
- Anticipated works completion date: **(Morning of) Tuesday 19th May**
- Working hours: **21:00 – 05:00**
- Weeknights only, with no working planned on Saturday or Sunday nights
- Outside these times, the road will remain open

Please note that all dates are subject to suitable weather conditions. If we are unable to work due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, we will reschedule at the next available opportunity.

Closure and diversion

- [A249 Sittingbourne Road will be closed between M20 J7 and the Church Hill junction in a northbound direction only](#) during work hours to maximise efficiency and protect the safety of both the workforce and highway users.
- When necessary, [side roads – including Pilgrims Way, Scragged Oak Road, Bimbury Lane and Chalky Road - will be closed](#) at the most suitable locations to safely manage access. Local diversion routes will be in place when these roads are closed. Operatives will be positioned at the closure points to provide resident access.
- Temporary signs for the closure and diversion will be installed at key locations to discourage through traffic.

Signed motorway diversion route:

Join M20 London-bound at J7 → Exit M20 at J6 → Join A229 Northbound (Chatham Rd, Bluebell Hill) → Exit A229 at Lord Lees Rbt → Continue on A229 (Taddington Woods Rbt) → Join M2 Coastbound at J3 → Exit M2 at J5 for A249

Signed diversion route for motorway-unsuitable traffic:

A249 (M20 J7 to Newnham Court Link Rd, Bearsted Rd) → Penenden Heath Road → Sandling Lane → A229 Northbound (Chatham Rd, Bluebell Hill, Maidstone Rd, City Way) → A2 Coastbound (New Rd, New Rd Ave, New Rd, Chatham Hill, Rainham Rd, Watling St, London Rd, High St, Moor St, London Rd, Hartlip Hill, London Rd, High St, Boyces Hill, Keycol Hill) → A249 Maidstone Road (Southbound)

Access to properties

- If you need access to or from a property on a road adjoining the A249, including [Detling village](#), please use the local network, such as [Pilgrims Way](#) or [Hockers Lane](#). Seek guidance from our operatives where necessary.
- Properties or businesses located on the A249 between [Scragged Oak Road](#) and Detling Aerodrome should access the area via the [A249 southbound carriageway](#), using the [Scragged Oak Road crossover point](#) to return northbound. When our works extend beyond Scragged Oak Road, we will manage this crossover point and, where necessary, escort vehicles to their destination on the northbound carriageway.
- Properties or businesses located between [Detling Aerodrome and Church Hill](#), including within the Detling Aerodrome, should access the area via the [A249 southbound carriageway](#), using the [Aerodrome crossover point](#), entering Bimbury Lane before returning northbound. When our works extend beyond the Aerodrome, we will manage this crossover point and, where necessary, escort vehicles to their destination on the northbound carriageway. These escort arrangements will also apply, where necessary, to vehicles leaving the Aerodrome.

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Why the work is needed

Our highway maintenance programme is based on survey data, inspections and asset condition assessments to ensure funding is targeted where it is most needed. The existing road surface in this area has deteriorated and now requires renewal. Resurfacing will restore ride quality, improve skid resistance and reduce the need for reactive repairs.

What we plan to do

The existing road surface will be removed using mechanical milling. The area will then be cleaned to remove dust and debris, leaving a suitable surface for the new material. Where required, inspection covers and roadside drainage features will be adjusted or replaced to match the final surface level.

New asphalt will be laid using a paving machine and compacted with rollers. Depending on the design, this may be completed in one or two layers. Once surfacing is complete, we will reinstate required road markings and reopen the road when it is safe to do so. Reversing alarms and flashing beacons will be in use throughout, as these are mandatory safety devices required by law.

There will be periods of high noise during the works. Milling and ironwork adjustments are typically the loudest activities, while surfacing tends to be quieter and more intermittent. We will complete the works efficiently to minimise disruption, and noisy operations will be limited to specific stages rather than continuing throughout the full duration.

How you can help us

We recognise that works of this nature can be disruptive and appreciate your cooperation.

- [If you are driving near the works, please proceed slowly, follow traffic management instructions and obey all signs and signals.](#) This helps keep the works safe and avoids damage to vehicles and equipment.
- For safety, keep children and pets away from the work area and do not enter coned-off sections unless directed by our staff.
- Footways, where present, will remain open. Please take extra care around machinery, ramps and raised ironwork. Surfaces may be uneven at times, and short, localised footway diversions may be introduced for safety. Follow on-site signage and any instructions from our operatives.

How to contact us

Programme updates: www.kent.gov.uk/resurfacingupdates

Live roadworks and permits: www.one.network

On-site queries: speak to our traffic management operatives during working hours.

General enquiries: www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults or phone 03000 41 81 81 (Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm)

