

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

KEEPING YOU INFORMED ON THE ASHFORD RINGROAD PROJECT



WHO WILL BE YOUR CONTACT?

If you have any general queries during this phase of the scheme please contact Kent County Council call centre or alternatively if your query is regarding contractor/traffic management you can contact Anja Hofmann.

The best way to make contact is by phone – if you need to access the site compound please remember that construction sites are potentially dangerous. When you enter the site compound, ask the first person you see to take you to the Site Manager. You can now access our website via www.kent.gov.uk by going to the transport section or type in 'Ashford Ring Road' in the site search box.

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USEFUL INFORMATION

- Ringway are part of the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS). This is a voluntary code of practice and more details can be found at www.ccscheme.org.uk.
- In addition, Ringway are also aware that there may be 'special neighbours' within the proximity of the works. This may be a school, place of worship or similar, and every consideration will be taken into account to ensure the construction process does not hamper everyday routines.
- Anja Hofmann will be making visits to such establishments or would welcome contact from organisations that may be effected.
- As part of the ongoing communication plan, there will be a series of regular consultations with the local community. Notice for these will appear in local press and at www.kent.gov.uk

Ashford
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As part of the new Ashford Ring Road changes, there will be some exciting projects coming up, demonstrating Ashford's commitment to recycling and sustainability in the area.

The project is not only going to support and stimulate Ashford's town centre, but will also provide an exciting example of how sustainability can create a beautiful part of a busy town.



THE WEST STREET ECO POCKET PARK

Discussion forums have been held with community groups regarding what to do with the new space, which will be created in between the two new carriageways in West Street. There will be a 10-metre strip between the carriageways, reserved for community use.

The idea chosen is for an eco pocket park, which will contain the following:

- A Solar Pagoda
- A quiet seating area
- An informal children's area
- Plantings and trees
- Space for a potential coffee cart or permanent kiosk with seating



INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS TO VISIT ASHFORD

A group of international artists will be working on using the Ring Road and re-using its old materials to create a forum of art over the next nine months.



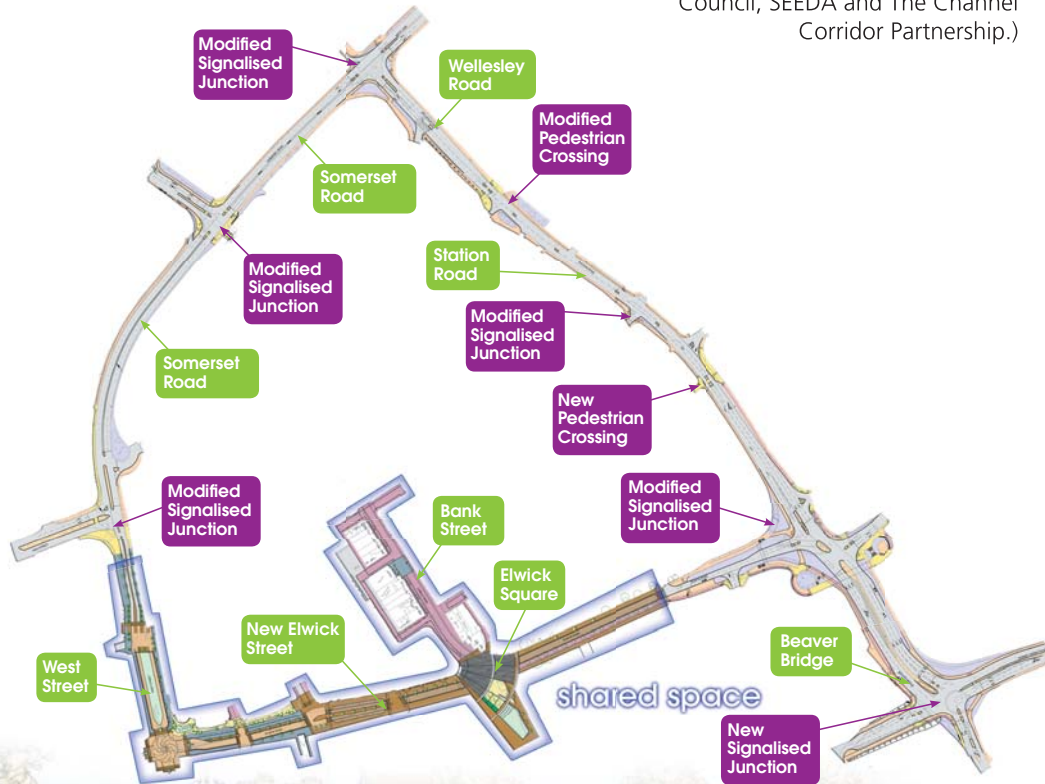
Bryony Graham

There will be a large culmination of the art for the arrival of the tour de France in July 2007, showing off the town's qualities and culture.

The project, named The Lost O, will be a visual representation of the Ring Road, with artefacts displayed to interest the town at a time of inevitable disruption.

The first artist to visit the town is Bryony Graham (UK), who will be taking residency opposite the Ring Road, to live and work alongside the construction team, gaining inspiration for her art.

(The Lost O is funded by the Arts Council, SEEDA and The Channel Corridor Partnership.)



RECYCLING AND THE RING ROAD

The team working on the Ring Road are seeking to make recycling and sustainability a key part of the project.

Their efforts will include:

- Use of local materials wherever possible
- Recycling of excavated road materials
- Re-use of excavated soil on site to make landscape features rather than transported away
- Use of the old road material from Elwick Road for use in the new asphalt
- Collection, purification through a reed bed and recycling of rain water collected from Elwick Square
- Energy efficient lighting
- Minimal use of road markings and signs
- Use of almost infinite life paving materials in the scheme that will in any case be recyclable



In the West Street Eco Pocket Park recycling and sustainability will include:

- Use of solar energy from the Solar Pagoda
- Use of 'swales' to purify water run off from West Street
- 'Gabions' filled with recycled material from Bank Street to create seating in the park

THE CLOSURE OF NORTH STREET

From mid to late March, North Street, between Somerset Road and Hardinge Road, will be closed for a period of nine weeks. This will allow the junction to be altered to a two-way flow.

The road has to be closed to ensure the junction work is carried out as swiftly and safely as possible. The diversion route will be via Canterbury Road, Magazine Road and New Street.

Vehicle access for residents on North Street will be provided, as will pedestrian access. The petrol station on the corner of North Street and Somerset Road will remain open.