

ASHFORD TOWN INFORMATION DATABASE

We would like to take your details to keep you informed on the various phases of the next stages of highway works.
By providing us with your email address, we can ensure that you are kept up to date.

Name.....
Business Name.....
Address.....
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Postcode.....
Email address.....
Telephone number.....

Are you the property owner (tick box)
or tenant (tick box)

Any other relevant information you would like to include?
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How do you normally find out about works going on in the town centre?

Please tick the appropriate box.

I receive a leaflet I read the Kentish Express
I read the Ashford Extra I go onto the KCC/ABC website

Other (please describe).....
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Please post this form back to:

Jodi Eeles, Pillory Barn, The Maidstone Studios,
Vinters Park, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5NZ

Thank you

BREAKING BOUNDARIES

KEEPING YOU INFORMED ON THE ASHFORD RINGROAD PROJECT

REVOLUTIONARY LIGHTING FOR ASHFORD

The lighting for shared space area of Elwick Street, Bank Street, Elwick Road, West Street and Forge Lane has been designed by famous lighting artist Nayan Kulkarni.

Nayan is famous for his work using art as a means to transform public spaces. He is involved in architectural and design collaborations which exploit engineering design and technologically advanced materials.

Nayan's previous work has included the QEII Metro bridge between Newcastle and Gateshead, which became Britain's biggest light artwork.

For Ashford, Nayan has developed a family of lighting columns for the project as well as creating the concept behind the use of light.

The lighting will enhance the environment on Elwick Road by subtly varying the colour of the light to reinforce the character of the street and give it the personality that Nayan is famous for.

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 Jackson's Site Manager - Jonathon Stewart.

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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PHASE 2 STARTS TO IMPROVE ASHFORD'S STREETS

Work has begun on the next stage of the town centre transformation with the reconstruction of Bank Street from its junction with Elwick Road to the Pedestrianised zone.

This Phase of the project will upgrade Bank Street and Elwick Road to high quality streets with more priority for pedestrians - the so-called 'shared space' concept. The Bank Street works are starting now and Elwick Road will start in late September.

In order to construct the shared space, extensive temporary traffic management will be necessary along this part of the old ring road which will unfortunately impact on traffic flows and the Bank Street bus stops will be temporarily moved to Church Road.

This work will see the existing carriageway and footway removed and replaced with high quality surface materials consisting mainly of clay pavers for the carriageway and granite kerbs and flags for the footway.

The contract period is from September 2007 until March 2008.

Ultimately this scheme will provide an attractive place for residents, businesses and visitors, stimulating growth and opening up the town centre. The shared space principle allows motor vehicles, pedestrians and cycles to use all of the road space available and experience elsewhere shows it creates safer environments, with reduced speeds.



CLOSURE OF TUFTON STREET

Tufton Street is to be closed from 16th September for several months with diversions along Queen Street, Norwood Street and Church Road. Bank Street and Church Road are to be made two-way temporarily and Queen Street will be opened up at its junction with Bank Street to facilitate the diversion.

All buses have been moved temporarily to Church Road and will return on completion of the contract.

On completion, Bank Street will be opened up to give shoppers more freedom to walk and at the same time a 20mph zone will be introduced to slow down traffic and increase safety. A restricted parking zone is to be applied which allows parking restrictions to be placed without the need for yellow lines.

ELWICK ROAD

The Elwick Road works will provide a new so-called shared space environment with wider pavements and narrower roadways in a 20 mph street, which is imaginatively lit and lined with trees. As is the case today parking restrictions will be maintained. Work will start in late September and the new Elwick Road will be completed in March 2008.

The reconstruction of the roads and footways with high quality clay pavers and granite setts, kerbs and flags along with the installation of unique street furniture will transform this environment to give a pleasant open space for businesses, residents and visitors.



VICTORIA ROAD

Victoria Road junction with Beaver Road is to be altered with the removal of the existing roundabout and replaced with a signalised junction. Victoria Road is to be realigned between Beaver Road and St Georges Street. The contract period is from October 2007 to April 2008.

ASHFORD TOWN CENTRE - YOUR FUTURE STREET AND TRAVEL IMPROVEMENTS

PHASE 1
Conversion of ring road to 2way working.
COMPLETED JUL 07

PHASE 2
COMPLETION
of Elwick Road: March 08
COMPLETION
of West Street: July 08
subject to funding

PHASE 3
Work to align the junction at Beaver Road and Romney Marsh Road with Victoria Road. Removal of roundabout and replacement with traffic signals.
STARTS: Oct 07
COMPLETES: Apr 08

PHASE 4
Raising of Newtown Road Bridge to allow a new SMARTLINK bus service to operate in the future.
STARTS: Jan 08
COMPLETES: Oct 08

PHASE 5
A new road to link up Beaver Road and Victoria Road with the A28 to form Victoria Way.
STARTS: Summer 09
COMPLETES: Summer 2010
Subject to funding



Park & Ride
Providing choice for access to town centre

The 10 point Transport Strategy

- 1 Improved bus services, including SMARTLINK express service.
- 2 3 Park & Ride sites.
- 3 Parking strategy to ensure adequate provision.
- 4 3 new multi-storey car parks on town centre approaches.
- 5 Improved cycling and walking routes.
- 6 Road improvements - M20 junctions, Chart Road and Victoria Way.
- 7 Street improvements including old ring road.
- 8 Introduction of public art.
- 9 Improved information and communications.
- 10 Improved personal security and mobility for all.

The developments are proposed timescales and are subject to change.