

To: Ashford Joint Transportation Board
By: KCC Highways and Transportation
Date: **5th March 2024**
Subject: Highways Forward Works Programme:2023/24
Classification: Information Only

Summary: This report updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction

1. Introduction

This report provides an update and summarises schemes that have been programmed for delivery in 2023/24.

In summer 2021 Kent County Council published a Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP), which included, as Appendix C, a five-year Forward Works Programme for the years 2021/22 to 2025/26. This reflected the need to move away from annual programmes and to consider asset management activity a multi-year one.

The first part of the programme concerned the two years 2021/22 - 2022/23. Around half of the schemes included in that programme have now been delivered, and as a result we have now produced a new programme covering the years 2022/23 - 2023/24. As before, most of the sites included in this programme have already been verified by our engineers.

The second part of our programme related to years three to five of our five-year programme (2023/24 - 2025/26). This too is in need of revision to cover the years 2024/25 – 2026/27, and the work required to do this is currently in progress. As before, our new years three to five programme will be largely based on data from our asset management systems, so may be subject to more changes as the schemes are verified.

This programme is subject to regular review and may change for a number of reasons including budget allocation, contract rate changes, inflationary pressures such as material price increases, conflicting works, and to reflect our changing priorities. The programme and extent of individual sites within the programme may also be revised following engineering assessment during the design phase, and additional sites may be added or others advanced if their condition deteriorates rapidly so that we need to react in order to keep the highway in a safe and serviceable condition.

Further information about how we manage our highway infrastructure, including our county-wide five-year forward works programme, may be found on our website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/transport-and-highways-policies/managing-highway-infrastructure>

In addition to planned maintenance of our highway assets, this report includes transportation and safety schemes, developer funded works, Combined Members Grant schemes, and planned maintenance of public rights of way.

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Conclusion

1. This report is for Members' information.

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Appendix A – Road, Footway and Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Scheme

The delivery of these schemes is weather dependent; should it prove not possible to carry out these works on the planned dates, new dates will be arranged and the residents will be informed by a letter drop to their homes.

Road Asset Renewal Schemes – Contact Officer: Byron Lovell			
Road Name	Parish/Town	Extent of Works	Current Status
Lower High Street	Ashford	Between North Street and Wellesley Road	Completed
Shadoxhurst Road	Woodchurch	Between Coldblow Lane Hengherst Farm	Completed
Cage Lane	Smarden	Beult Meadow to (near) junction The Whim	Completed
Stanhope Road	Ashford	<u>Reconstruction</u> Between Frinsted Close and Leaveland Close	Completed
A28 Ashford Road	Great Chart	Lodge Place to Bethersden Road	Completed
Elwick Road	Ashford	Church Road to Station Road	Completed
Brookfield Road	Ashford	<u>Concrete Rehabilitation</u> Allenfield to Cross Stile	Completed
A28 Simone Weil Avenue	Ashford	<u>Concrete Rehabilitation</u> Between Drivers Roundabout and A28 Canterbury Road	Completed
Bybrook Road	Ashford	<u>Concrete Rehabilitation</u> Between A28 Canterbury Road and Nine Acres	Completed
Jemmett Road	Ashford	<u>Concrete Rehabilitation</u> Between Beaver Road and Musgrove	Completed
Church Road	Mersham	Railway overbridge to Blind Lane	Completed
Hastings Road	Rolvenden	High Street near to Rolvenden Primary School to property Oak View (at Great Job's Cross)	Programmed 12 th April 2024
Road Asset Preservation Schemes - Contact Officer: Jonathan Dean			
Micro Surfacing			
Road Name	Parish/Town	Extent of Works	Current Status
School Road	Charing	A20 to Joint OS Vision Hair Salon	Complete
Front Road	Woodchurch	From 2022 Scheme End to Bonny Cravat Public House	Complete
Shalmsford Road	Chilham	Highbank to Sunnyside Farm	Complete

The Street	Brabourne	Between Scotts Lane and Canterbury Road	Complete
Pluckley Road	Bethersden	Fridd Lane to River Buelt	Complete
Finn Farm Road	Kingsnorth	Bond Lane to Violet Way	Complete
Bulllane	Bethersden	Pot Kiln Lane to end of woods	Complete
The Hill	Charing	Pett Lane to A252	Complete
High Halden Road	Biddenden	Telegraph Pole to Public Footpath	Complete
Surface Dressing			
Road Name	Parish/Town	Extent of Works	Current Status
Frith Road	Aldington	Ashford Road to Priory Road	Complete
Bethersden (Ashford) Road	Bethersden	Old Surrenden Manor Road to Forge Hill	Complete
Park Lane	Bethersden	Whole Road (Daniels Water)	Complete
Hinxhill Road From J/W Goodcheap Lane	Wye With Hinxhill	Goodcheap Lane to Spelders Hill	Complete
Military Road	Appledore	The Street to Kent Boundary (Kent Ditch)	Complete
Flood Street	Mersham	Chequer Tree Farm Road to Red Pad near Blind Lane	Complete
Canterbury Road	Charing	Squids Gate Lane to 30mph Speed Limit	Complete
Appledore Road/Woodchurch Road/Bench Hill	Woodchurch	From Bench Hill Cottage to Beech Tree Farm	Complete
Smarden Bell Road	Smarden	Burnt Ash Lane to A274	Complete
Bramble Lane	WYE	Harville Road to Canterbury Road	Complete
Retread (recycling and re-laying the existing surface material before applying a surface treatment)			
Road Name	Parish/Town	Extent of Works	Current Status
Pound Lane	Wittersham	Whole Road	Complete
Mayshaves	Bethersden	Whole Road	Complete
Pound Lane	Brabourne	Granary Court Road to Canterbury Road	Complete

Footway/Cycleway Asset Renewal & Preservation Schemes - Contact Officer: Neil Tree

Road Name	Parish/Town	Extent of Works	Current Status
Okehampton Close	Kennington	<u>Footway Protection Treatment</u> Entire Extents	Completed
Tritton Fields (Incl. Tritton Close)	Kennington	<u>Footway Protection Treatment</u> Entire Extents	Completed
Marlborough Way	Kennington	<u>Footway Protection Treatment</u> Entire Extents	Completed
St Mary's Green	Kennington	<u>Footway Protection Treatment</u> Entire Extents	Completed

Appendix B - Drainage

Drainage Repairs & Improvements - Contact Officer Earl Bourner			
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
Church Hill	Bethersden	Specialist consultant review of existing culvert capacity and options for providing additional capacity of culverts at site. Review completed and LLFA leading on additional catchment assessments as well as s.19 flooding investigation. KCC Highways Works to upgrade Church Hill Culvert.	Works part complete due to poor weather conditions last year. New culvert has been installed. New headwalls at each end of the culvert are to be completed once watercourse flows are lower.
Swain Road	Tenterden	Replace 110m of damaged pipework and install new gullies.	Works started 19\02\2024
Charing Heath Road	Charing	Instal new gully and 50m of kerbs to stop bank erosion.	Works complete cleansing works to be carried out in July 2024
Great Chart Bypass	Ashford	Install 1 new gully and 20m of edgings to help reduce the flooding to the underpass.	Works complete, pump requires service.
Hythe Road Willesborough	Ashford	Replace the collapsed pipework and replace gullies.	Works programmed for April 2024
Harville Road	Wye	To replace collapsed pipework and replace gullies	Works programmed for March 2024

Appendix C – Street Lighting

Structural testing of KCC owned streetlights has identified the following as requiring replacement. A status of complete identifies that the column replacement has been carried out. Programme dates are identified for those still requiring replacement.

Street Lighting Column Replacement – <i>Contact Officer Sue Kinsella</i>			
Road Name	Location	Description of Works	Status
Birchett	Singleton	Replacement of 1 no streetlight	Completed
Canterbury Road	Kennington	Replacement of 3 no streetlights	One completed. Works programmed for completion by end June 2024
Faversham Road	Kennington	Replacement of 1 no streetlight	Works programmed for completion by end June 2024
Langney Drive	Washford	Replacement of 1 no streetlight	Works programmed for completion by end June 2024
Millbrook Meadow	Singleton	Replacement of 2 no streetlights	Completed
Station Road	Victoria	Replacement of 1 no streetlight	Works programmed for completion by end June 2024

Appendix D – Transportation and Safety Schemes

Casualty Reduction Measures

The Schemes Planning & Delivery team is implementing schemes within Ashford District, in order to meet Kent County Council's strategic targets (for example, addressing traffic congestion or improving road safety). Casualty reduction measures have been identified to address a known history of personal injury crashes. Current status correct as of 18th January 2024.

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SCHEMES Local Transport Plan funded non-casualty reduction schemes			
Road Name	Description of Works	Source of Funding	Current Status
22-AS-LTP-499 Roman Road and Calleywell Road, Aldington	DDA access improvements	LTP	Works are part complete. Further works will be completed in the next 28 days. These are a centre line and reset of a gully.

Externally Funded Schemes

The Schemes Planning & Delivery team is implementing schemes within **Ashford District** funded by external corporations whilst still meeting Kent County Council's strategic targets with the road network.

Externally Funded Schemes The Road Safety & Active Travel Group is implementing schemes within the borough of Ashford funded by external corporations whilst still meeting KCC's strategic targets within the road network			
Road Name	Description of Works	Source of Funding	Current Status
23-AS-PAR-733 Golden Square, Tenterden	New one-way Traffic management system & 20MPH speed limit	Tenterden Town Council	Detail design complete, expected delivery October/November 2024

OTHER FUNDED SCHEMES

The Road Safety & Active Travel Group is implementing schemes within the borough of Ashford funded by Kent Lane Rental.

22-AS-EXT-542TMA Bluebell Road Ashford (overbridge across A2070)	Installation of new infrastructure to allow for remote CCTV enforcement of existing traffic prohibitions	Kent Lane Rental	Camera supplier appointed in January 2024 awaiting contact details to setup site meeting to discuss camera locations. Expected delivery late Summer 2024
22-AS-EXT-545TMS Sackville Crescent Ashford (overbridge between Sackville Crescent and Carlton Road)	Installation of new infrastructure to allow for remote CCTV enforcement of existing traffic prohibitions	Kent Lane Rental	Works complete

Appendix E – Developer Funded Works

Developer Funded Works (Section 278 Agreement Works) – Contact Officer Jamie Hare				
Scheme Name	Mastergov File Ref	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
Church Lane	AS003513	Aldington	Access to Electricity Condenser Plant	In technical audit stage
Court Lodge Road	AS003477	Appledore	Accesses to houses and public carpark	Works complete and in maintenance period
A28 Chart Road, Brunswick Road	AS002081	Ashford	Rearrange junction alignment	Works complete, snagging works required
Dover Place	AS003051	Ashford	Amendments to junction and works to the footway	Works complete and in maintenance period
Repton Park	AS003074	Ashford	Road N6 tie-in with Ordinance Way	Works complete and in maintenance period
Newtown Road, Designer Outlet	AS003143	Ashford	New traffic signals	Adopted
Austin Road	AS003157	Ashford	New junction and vehicle crossovers	Works complete, remedial check required, March
Victoria Crescent	AS003165	Ashford	New vehicle access and footway works	Maintenance period complete; remedial works required
Leacon Road	AS003166	Ashford	New vehicle access and bus stops	Works complete and in maintenance period
Victoria Road	AS003180	Ashford	2 new accesses and footway works in George Street	Works complete and in maintenance period
Hinxhill Park, Hythe Road	AS003238	Ashford	New signalised junction	Works complete and in maintenance period
Spindlewood to Repton Park	AS003281	Ashford	Short length of link Road	Works complete and in maintenance period, final check due March '24
Abbey Way Willesborough	AS003415	Ashford	Carriageway ramp	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
Simone Weil junction with A28	AS003454	Ashford	Junction improvement	In technical audit stage
William Harvey Hospital Roundabout	AS003455	Ashford	A2070 to be widened for 2 lane approaches	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed

Halstow Way	AS003461	Ashford	Provision of access to housing development	Adopted
Elwick Road	AS003469	Ashford	Provision of access to housing development	In technical audit stage
Victoria Park	AS003483	Ashford	Three new accesses to the park from Jemmett Road	Agreement signed, works under construction
Victoria Road	AS003503	Ashford	Access to carpark at Powergen 2 redevelopment	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
Former Golf Course Bears Lane	AS003473	Bethersden	Access to housing development	Agreement signed, works under construction
Little Oak Farm A28	AS003502	Bethersden	HGV access to farm	Works complete, snagging works required
Little Randolfs Farm	AS003508	Biddenden	Field Access	In technical audit stage
Maidstone Road	AS003168	Charing	New access to housing estate	Works complete, snagging works required
Swan Hotel	AS003395	Charing	A20 widening and new access	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
Millgarth	AS003482	Charing	New access to housing estate	In technical audit stage
Pluckley Road	AS003506	Charing	Footway and pedestrian crossing	In technical audit stage
Ashford Road	AS003049	Chilham	Bagham Place access and pedestrian crossing	Maintenance period complete; remedials required
Bowerland Lane	AS003430	Chilham	Resurfacing	Works complete and in maintenance period
New Road	AS003507	Egerton	New access to 15 house development + footway and pedestrian crossing	Agreement signed, works under construction
Mock Lane and Coulter Road	AS003169	Great Chart	Laybys for gas delivery	In technical audit stage
Chilmington Bartlets Lane	AS003424	Great Chart	Passing bays and accesses	TA. issued; Agreement not yet signed; works partially complete
Chilmington Green Road	AS003450	Great Chart	Two new accesses to sewage pumping station	Agreement signed, works under construction
Green Lane Chilmington	AS003457	Great Chart	Two accesses to new school	TA. issued; Agreement not yet signed; works partially complete

Chilmington Green Lane - Parritt Land	AS003461	Great Chart	Access to housing development	Agreement signed, works under construction
Chilmington, Pig & Whistle	AS003466	Great Chart	Access to housing development	Agreement signed, works under construction
Chilmington Access C	AS003467	Great Chart	New roundabout on the A28	TA issued; Agreement not yet signed; works partially complete
Chilmington Secondary School	AS003485	Great Chart	Temporary construction access from Chilmington Green Road	Agreement signed, works under construction
Chilmington Secondary School	AS003492	Great Chart	Temporary construction access from A28	Agreement signed, works under construction
Chilmington Secondary School	AS003493	Great Chart	Footway and vehicular accesses to school	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
Chilmington Green Road junction with The Avenue	AS003500	Great Chart	New junction and Toucan Crossing	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
Ransley Oast	AS003423	High Halden	Bellmouth and zebra crossing	Works complete and in maintenance period
Hopes Grove	AS003472	High Halden	Bellmouth and footway on A28	Agreement signed, works under construction
Conningbrook Park Phase 1	AS003452	Kennington	Two new accesses to development from A2070	Agreement signed, works under construction
Conningbrook Park Phase 2	AS003456	Kennington	Provision of footway over railway bridge	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
Orchard Farm, Canterbury Road	AS003484	Kennington	Access to 30 house development + A28 realignment	In technical audit stage
A28 Canterbury Road	AS003514	Kennington	New commercial access, pedestrian crossing, footway works	In technical audit stage
Rutledge Avenue	AS003325	Kingsnorth	Temporary vehicle access	Works complete and in maintenance period
Brockmans Lane, Park Farm	AS003383	Kingsnorth	New vehicle access to spine road	Works complete and in maintenance period
Secondary Access - Park Farm	AS003437	Kingsnorth	New vehicle access to housing development	Works complete; snagging works required

Primary Access - Park Farm	AS003440	Kingsnorth	New vehicle access to spine road	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
Finn Farm Road footway/cycleway, Park Farm	AS003443	Kingsnorth	Footway link over bridge	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
Violet Way, Park Farm	AS003471	Kingsnorth	Pedestrian Crossing	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
Blind Lane	AS003476	Mersham	Bellmouth	Agreement signed, works under construction
Ashford Road	AS003475	Orlestone	Access to housing development school parking and puffin crossing	Agreement signed, works under construction
Marsh Road Garden Centre	AS003512	Orlestone	Access to housing development	In technical audit stage
Station Road	AS003160	Pluckley	New vehicle access	Works complete; in maintenance period
A2070/Finberry Park junction	AS003154	Sevington	Junction improvement	National Highways Scheme Works completed
Tank Roundabout, Chart Road	AS003478	Singleton	New McDonalds Restaurant + roundabout adjustment	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
A28 Chart Road	AS003504	Singleton	Toucan Crossing near new McDonalds	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed
The Street	AS003219	Smarden	2 new accesses and drainage	Adopted
Newtown Road Development	AS003446	South Willesborough	New access near railway bridge	Agreement signed, works under construction
The Long Barrow	AS003463	South Willesborough	Provision of access to commercial development	In technical audit stage
The Long Barrow/ Monument Way	AS003464	South Willesborough	Provision of 2 accesses to commercial development	Adopted
Hall Avenue, Orbital Park	AS003486	South Willesborough	HGV Access	Works Complete, snagging works required
Newtown Road	AS003505	South Willesborough	HGV Access to old railway sheds	Technical Acceptance issued; Agreement not yet signed

Tenterden Site #1	AS002080	Tenterden	Small Hythe Road, Tenterden. New housing development	Works complete; in maintenance period
Tilden Gill	AS003215	Tenterden	Junction realignment	Works complete; in maintenance period
Tilden Gill Roundabout	AS003230	Tenterden	New roundabout	Works complete; in maintenance period
Church View	AS003299	Tenterden	Replace roundabout with turning head	Works complete; in maintenance period
Sicklefield	AS003458	Tenterden	New access to development	Works completed; snagging works required
Warehorne Road, Hamstreet	AS003451	Warehorne	Access to housing development plus traffic signals and footway	Agreement signed, works under construction
Nacolt Brickworks	AS003515	Wye	New access to housing development	In technical audit stage

Appendix F – Bridge Works

Bridge Works – Contact Officer Helen Rowe			
Road Name	Parish	Description of Works	Current Status
Front Road	Woodchurch	Stone Bridge (196) – Structural lining	In Design. Delivery in Late 2024.
Frogmore Lane	Bonnington	Refurbishment of Bonnington culvert (388)	In Design. Delivery in Late 2024
Rye Road	Newenden	Refurbishment of Newenden (50)	Preparing Structural Assessment Report. Await quote for relining work.
North Of Drovers Roundabout	Ashford	Maidstone Railway Bridge (869) - Strategy Report and remedial measures	Ground Investigation ongoing. Awaiting quote for Wingwall Investigation. Survey results are to be fed back into the options study report.
Flood Street	Mersham	Mersham Forstal – Strengthening	In option study stage. Delivery in 2024/25

Appendix G – Traffic Systems

There is a programme of scheduled maintenance to refurbish life expired traffic signal equipment across the county based upon age and fault history. The delivery of these schemes is dependent upon school terms and holiday periods; local residents, businesses and schools will be informed verbally and by a letter drop of the exact dates when known.

Traffic Systems - Contact Officer: Toby Butler		
Location	Description of Works	Current Status
A28 High Street / Recreation Ground Road, Tenterden (13-0672)	Upgrade of existing signal junction	The junction should be completed and operational 21.02.24

Appendix H - Combined Members Grant programme update

Member Highway Fund programme update for the Ashford District

The following schemes are those, which have been approved for funding by both the relevant Member and by Haroona Chughtai, Director of Highways and Transportation. The list only includes schemes, which are

- in design
- at consultation stage
- about to be programmed
- recently completed on site.

The list is up to date as of 18th January 2024

The details given below are for highway projects only. This report does not detail

- contributions Members have made to other groups such as parish councils
- highway studies
- traffic/ non-motorised user surveys funded by Members.

More information on the schemes listed below can be found by contacting the Highway Manager for the Ashford District, Lisa Willoughby.

There are no projects for this area.

Legal Implications

1.1.1 Not applicable.

1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.2.1 Not applicable.

1.3 Risk Assessment

1.3.1 Not applicable.

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