

Highway improvements in your area

Herne Bay – Active Travel and 20mph speed limit



Station Road to Central Parade

What we plan to do – Active Travel Scheme

Kent County Council are planning to provide a new active travel (walking, wheeling, and cycling) route between Herne Bay Station and Central Parade. The proposal also includes closure of Central Parade between Station Road and Pier Avenue to create a pedestrianised area free from traffic, and a 20mph speed limit for Heron ward, north of railway line.

The scheme will include: -

- Amendment of parking on Station Road and Central Parade
- Installation of shared or segregated use foot/cycleway signage through the length of the route.
- Relocation of existing signposts and street furniture to ensure pedestrian and cyclist movement is relatively unobstructed.
- New signal pedestrian crossing on High Street and
- New re-routing of traffic resulting from Central Parade closure.

When we plan to carry out the work and how long it will take

The work will be phased and take around **26 weeks** to complete, commencing on **17th July 2023** (excluding weekends), between the hours of **08:00** and **16:00**. A breakdown of the works is available in the table 1 below.

Table 1: Works Programme

	Section	Traffic Management	Provisional Works Dates
Phase 1	Station Road (Station access)	2-way temp lights	17 th July – 8 th August 2023
Phase 2	Station Road junction with Spenser Road	3-way temp lights	9 th Aug – 22 nd Sept 2023
Phase 3	Central Parade	Road Closure (diversion)	25 th Sept – 23 rd Oct 2023
Phase 4	Pier Avenue & St Georges Terrace	Road Closure (diversion)	23 rd Oct – 15 th Nov 2023
Phase 5	Spenser Road (through Memorial Park)	Pedestrian barriers	8 th Jan – 17 th Jan 2024
Phase 6	Kings Road junction with Richmond Street	4-way temp lights	11 th Dec – 15 th Dec 2023
Phase 7	High Street junction with Richmond Street	4-way temp lights	20 th Nov – 11 th Dec 2023
Phase 8	Richmond Street junction with Central Parade	3-way temp lights	15 th Dec 2023

This type of work can be affected by bad weather, so if it is not possible for us to carry it out at this time, we will arrange a new date and let you know via a letter drop to your home. We will also install signs along the road, before we start, showing the date we plan to start work.

How will we carry out the works and how it will affect you

The works will be undertaken using **temporary traffic signals** and **a road closure** (Central Parade only) to give our contractor a safe area within which to carry out construction. A diversion route will be signed for any closure planned as part of the works.

Why are we doing this work?

Over the past few years the government has launched a series of funding opportunities for schemes that would increase cycling and walking (active travel). A high priority was placed on schemes that would reallocate road space to encourage active travel.

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KCC gathered priorities from Canterbury City Council and then submitted a successful bid for funding for a scheme to create a cycle route from the station to the sea front including a closure of a short length of Central Parade to all motor traffic to create a sea front plaza and event space.

The active travel scheme is part of a wider plan to provide cycle routes in Herne Bay to link developments south of the Thanet Way to the station, town centre and sea front. Further information on Kent County Council's Active Travel schemes can be found on the link below: -

www.kent.gov.uk/kentactivetravel

How you can help us

We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality. We want to complete the works as quickly as we can and without causing you too much inconvenience. If your vehicle is usually parked on the carriageway, please make sure you park it somewhere else away from the site whilst the works are carried out.

For your safety and the safety of our workforce, please drive carefully and slowly through the roadworks.

Feedback from our workers shows that too many drivers go too fast through roadworks. Everyone is entitled to a safe workplace and our staff work next to moving traffic and risk injury every day to maintain and improve the highway for everyone.

How to contact us?

For further information or to find out more about what we do please visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways where you can also report a fault on any of our roads across Kent. You can find us on Twitter @KentHighways. You can also view our diversion/permit details at www.one.network. Alternatively, you can call us on **03000 41 81 81**.

We often ask residents to fill in a short feedback survey on line at www.kent.gov.uk/roadworkssurvey.

WARNING – Beware Bogus Callers

Kent County Council Highways, Transportation and Waste do not allow works to be carried out on private properties. If anyone says they are working for us or our specialist contractors and offer to carry out any work for cash, they should be treated with caution. We advise you to contact Citizen's Advice on 03444 111 444 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)

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