

Road Maintenance in Your Area

Road Surface Improvement (Preparation Works)



A229 Blue Bell Hill (Northbound), Aylesford

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

This is to let you know that, as part of the on-going maintenance and improvement of the highway network, Kent County Council will be working to improve the road surface of **the A229 Blue Bell Hill (Northbound Only), Aylesford** between the **Cobtree Roundabout to the Lord Lees Roundabout**

These road surface improvement works are programmed to start on **Friday 30th June 2023** and should take **2 nights to complete (including night of Saturday 1st July)**. These activities will be undertaken during a **working window** between the hours of **22.00 to 05.00 on each night of works**.

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 put-up signs along the road before we start showing the date, we plan to start work.

During these essential works it will be necessary to close the road completely so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users. During this closure, a diversion route will be in place via the M20 Junction 6 heading coastbound, alight at M20 J7 onto the Sittingbourne Road Roundabout, A249 Detling Hill Northbound, alight onto the M2 at junction 5 (leading London bound), alight onto the A229 Taddington Roundabout from the M2 at junction 3.

A non-motorway diversion will be in place for non-motorised traffic. This diversion route will be signed on site when works are live and the road closed.

Due to the high-speed nature of this road no access will be possible while the works are live and the closure is in place. Emergency vehicles WILL be permitted though the closure when actively responding to an emergency but must traverse the site with care.

What we plan to do

This is a multi-activity scheme to prepare the A229 Blue Bell Hill for surfacing in July 2023

Safety critical road defects will be repaired via saw cutting and removing the damaged road surface, and then reinstating in tarmac. Reinstatements will then be laid to profile and compacted to the level of the existing road surface.

In addition any cracks in the road will be repaired using an appropriate joint sealing method, to ensure the surface is suitable for planed surface dressing.

All road studs (Cats Eyes) will be removed throughout the length of the site as part of the surfacing preparation.

How you can help

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption, but we will try to keep these to a minimum. Any pavements will remain open at all times, but vehicle access to properties will need to be restricted for a short period while work is carried out in front of each property. If you have any particular access needs, please let the workforce on site know.

We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality.

If you need more information, you can visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/resurfacingupdates to view our programme & updates, to find out how we look after the roads throughout Kent or report any faults you find on our roads. You can also view our diversion/permit details at www.one.network. Alternatively, you can call us on **03000 41 81 81**.

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)