

A249 Bearsted Road Improvement Scheme



Community Information Leaflet

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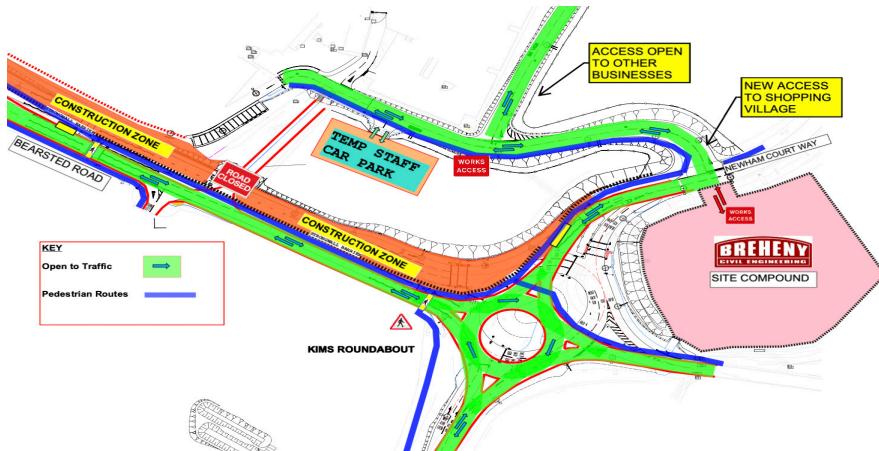


Breheny Civil Engineering is delivering the project on behalf of Kent County Council. Work started in August 2025, with a scheduled duration of 15 months, taking the work through to early 2027.

New Access To Newham Court Shopping Village

From Tuesday 6th January 2026, the existing access road and footpath to Newham Court Shopping Village will close. The new access road (off Newham Court Way) and footpath will open. Associated directional signage will be in place to assist road users and the general public.

This will enable the new construction to the Western extents of Bearsted Road to continue through 2026.



New Access to Newham Court Shopping Village above

Bearsted Road To Be Reopen Ahead Of Schedule

The essential utilities works within the closure of Bearsted Road Closure are now completed. Therefore the eastern extents of Bearsted Road (to Hockers Lane Junction) is now re-open. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during the closure period of 6 weeks, which was a much shorter period than anticipated.

Auger Boring - Bearsted Road Drainage Crossing

We have recently installed a deep drainage crossing to Bearsted Road, by means of Auger Boring. This method of pipe installation has enabled works to progress without causing any disruption to traffic. Traditional pipe installation and trenching would have involved closures to Bearsted Road.



Auger Boring underneath Bearsted Road into Vinters Park Crematorium



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Night Closures Complete

In late November, our first period of planned night closures to Bearsted Road were completed successfully. They were utilised to trench and install ducts across the road as part of future UKPN stats diversion. The next period of night closures is anticipated to take place in February 2026. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Progress to New Access Road

Construction has commenced away from the highway to create the new access roads to Newnham Court Shopping Village.

- New access road is approaching final stage of tarmac to be completed in December.
- Installation of the drainage soakaways in progress.
- Construction of Charter Wood Mobility's car parks are complete.



The new access road is well underway

Forthcoming works to Bearsted Road:

- From 6th January the existing access road to Newnham Court Shopping Village from Bearsted Road will be fully closed off, with customers diverted to the new access road.
- Pedestrians will also temporarily need to enter via the new access road as from 6th January.
- The new KIMS roundabout works are well underway.
- The retaining wall on the east side of the site will continue.
- Temporary changes will be made to the shopping village car park.
- Works will commence on the west side of the site to remove the embankment.
- Works will also start to create the new pedestrian route to the shopping village.



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Overall Strategy

The ongoing works to the Bearsted Road Improvement scheme have been planned and phased in the least disruptive manner possible. We will be doing our best to minimize disruption for road users and pedestrians for the entirety of the scheme. Most of the critical tasks will be undertaken offline and segregated from footpaths & live traffic.

To date we have undertaken a significant amount of works 'offline' without having to impact the live traffic. Certain critical future tasks will however need to be undertaken at night under road closures, which is the least disruptive window for working. These will be notified in advance.

The Bearsted Road Team

We are here to keep you informed and supported throughout the Bearsted Road Improvement Scheme. If you have any questions, feedback, or would like to speak to someone directly, the Team is here to help.

Book a one-to-one meeting:

You can schedule a face-to-face meeting with a member of the team, please email Jess at j.smith@breheny.co.uk

Stay in the loop:

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