

Drainage Improvement Works at Ashford Road, Bethersden from Kiln Lane to Forge Hill.

What we plan to do and why

This letter is to inform you that, as part of the on-going investment and maintenance works to improve the highway network in Kent, Kent County Council will be carrying out several highway drainage repairs and improvements on Ashford Road from Kiln Lane to Forge Hill.

This work has been identified following the investigations of the drainage system along this section of road. It will comprise of replacement of sections of highway drainage pipes and installation of a new manhole chamber for future maintenance jetting access.

This work forms part of the ongoing project to understand the flood risk in the Bethersden Stream catchment and the options available to manage the risk. This initial scheme will help to reduce the risk of highway flooding along Ashford Road and improve safety to road users. Further options are being considered and modelling is being undertaken to determine if additional work is required.

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

This drainage work is due to start on 3rd of October 2022 and are anticipated to complete on the 28th of October 2022. The works will generally be undertaken during normal daylight hours of 08:00 and 16:00 under lane closures between Kiln Lane and Forge Hill. This is to maintain site safety for the operatives and the public whilst these works are being undertaken.

How you can help

We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly and efficiently as possible. If your vehicle is usually parked on the road near the area of the works, please make sure you park it somewhere else away from the site whilst these works are carried out.

Due to the nature of the works, there may be some restrictions in access to individual driveways or properties along Ashford Road, however every effort will be made to maintain access wherever it is safe to do so. Please liaise with crews on site if you have any particular access needs whilst the works are undertaken. Pedestrian access will always be maintained.

Your patience and co-operation whilst these works are undertaken will be greatly appreciated.

How to contact us

If you need more information, please call us on **03000 41 81 81**.

You can also visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways to find out how we look after the roads throughout Kent or report any faults you find on our roads.

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