What are we planning to do?

We are making permanent the experimental pavement widening in St Dunstan's Street between North Lane and Kirby’s Lane. The temporary fibreglass planters will be removed and a new kerb and footway surface will be laid.

We will also be installing new guardrailing in North Lane from the St Dunstan's Street junction/ Westgate Towers to the pelican crossing and carrying out a few other minor improvements and repairs. A 20mph speed limit will also be installed in this section of St Dunstan's Street, Kirby’s Lane, Linden Grove and streets accessed from it. A 6'6" width restriction will be introduced through the Towers arch. A second phase of work is planned for early in the new year which includes a new pedestrian crossing in Station Road West. More details of this will be sent out to affected properties nearer the time.

The plan overleaf shows the details of the work.

Why do we want to do this work?

The footway widening in St Dunstan's Street will give even more space to pedestrians and also for tables and chairs without further affecting the road width.

The guardrailing will direct pedestrians to the pelican crossing and resolve a safety issue where pedestrians have been crossing at the junction.

The lower speed limit is intended to improve the environment for pedestrians while the width restriction is being introduced to minimise the risk of further traffic related damage to the Towers.

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

While we are doing the pavement works, St Dunstan's Street will be made one way between North Lane and Station Road West, with traffic only allowed to travel away from the Towers. In addition, the end of Kirby’s Lane will be closed while we are carrying out the works in this area.

Traffic heading down St Dunstan’s Street will be diverted along Station Road West and North Lane to get to the Towers.

When will the work start and how long will it take?

We are planning to start on Monday 20 October and it is expected that the work will take 4 to 5 weeks.

How to contact us?

Visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways to find out how we look after the roads in Kent. If you have any concerns about how these road works will affect you please call us on 03000 418181 and quote “St Dunstan's Street Footway Widening”.

Please respect our workers space and safety by driving 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. Our men and women work next to moving traffic and risk injury every day.

Please keep this in a safe place so you can refer to it if you need to contact us whilst the works are being done – call us on 03000 418181

WARNING – Beware Bogus Callers

Kent County Council Highways & Transportation 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 and you are advised to contact Kent County Council Trading Standards on 0845 3450210, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Tactile paving layout altered to suit current guidelines

New dropped kerbs with tactile paving

Temporary planters to be removed and footway widened with new granite kerbs and Yorkstone paving flags

New 6’6” width restriction through Westgate Towers arch

New pedestrian guardrail to be installed