What are we planning to do?

Kent County Council (KCC) Highways Transportation is in receipt of funding negotiated under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 from the developers of the recent residential developments in Medway Wharf Road. The funding has been secured to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility at, and in the vicinity of, the Medway Wharf Road/Sovereign Way junction.

The scheme involves:
- Reducing the Sovereign Way/Medway Wharf Road junction radii reducing crossing widths to aid pedestrian movement;
- Widening of the footpath on the south side of Medway Wharf Road between Sovereign Way and High Street;
- Construction of a new zebra crossing in Sovereign Way adjacent to Botany car park;
- Construction of a new footpath in the northern verge between the new zebra crossing and long stay car park.

Why do we want to do this work?

The existing junction layout has a wide carriageway width and below standard crossing facilities. The footpath on the southern side of Medway Wharf Road towards the High Street narrows to an insufficient width to allow two people to pass, or for wheelchairs and pushchairs to use it for access and the grass verge on the northern side of Sovereign Way shows signs of considerable pedestrian usage.

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

A one-way traffic system will be implemented to enable the junction alterations and footpath improvement works in Medway Wharf Road to be constructed safely with minimal disruption. Vehicles will only be able to access Medway Wharf Road via Sovereign Way and exit Medway Wharf Road at the High Street. No vehicular access will be available from the High Street. There will be a signed diversion route via High Street, Vale Road and Avenue Le Puy.

Temporary traffic signals will be used during the construction of the zebra crossing and adjacent footpath works in Sovereign Way.

A signed pedestrian route will be maintained at all times.

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

The works are due to commence on Monday 2nd February and last for five 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 “Medway Wharf Road, Tonbridge”.

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.