What are we planning to do?
Kent County Council will be carrying out works to improve the Powder Mill Lane area of Dartford. This scheme will comprise three elements:

1) A permanent closure of Powder Mill Lane between its junctions with Greenbanks and Fawkes Avenue to all traffic (prohibition of driving). This will be in the same location and replace the existing seven feet width restriction. Pedestrians, including those pushing bicycles, will still be able to pass through the restriction;

2) Public realm improvements in the immediate area, including raising the carriageway level through the closure point, improving the walking route for pedestrians and repositioning the existing gate. As part of the scheme, the County Council will also be installing replica gunpowder barrels and interpretation signage to reflect the heritage of the area. The walking route will form part of the parish of Wilmington’s Heritage Trail; and

3) Additional advisory heavy goods vehicle signage will be placed along A 225 Princes Road, A 225 Lowfield Street and A 225 Hawley Road to encourage goods vehicles bound for the questor site to avoid Powder Mill Lane. This will involve new traffic signs and replacements of some existing signs.

Why do we want to do this work?
Kent County Council is undertaking this work to reduce the volume of traffic – notably through traffic and goods vehicles – from using Powder Mill Lane and Warwick Way.

How will we carry out the works and how will it affect you?
The carriageway at the existing width restriction on Powder Mill Lane will be closed to all vehicles with immediate effect from the start date of the works. During the works, pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

The work to take down and install new traffic signs on A 225 Princes Road will require additional restrictions, including a closure of the nearside westbound lane and a temporary speed limit of 20 miles per hour. Access will be maintained to all premises along the road throughout the works.

Access to all premises up to and including the Thames Water site and the turning head immediately to the east of this will be maintained from A 225 Hawley Road via Warwick Way and the western section of Powder Mill Lane. Access to all premises up to and including units 77 and 78 of the questor site on Powder Mill Lane will continue to be maintained from A 225 Princes Road via Darenth Road and the eastern section of Powder Mill Lane.

When will the work start and how long will it take?
Works are programmed to start on 2 February 2015 and should take two weeks to complete.
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 “Powder Mill Lane, Wilmington, Dartford closure”.

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.