**Highway Improvements in Your Area**

**Bank Street, Ashford, Reconditioning Scheme**

Bank Street, Ashford, AS/EXT/0152

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**What are we planning to do?**

Replace the existing damaged paving on the eastern side of Elwick Road (‘lower Bank Street’), Bank Street and part of Tufton Street with a new granite surface designed to withstand vehicle loadings that have caused damage in the past (please see plan on reverse side). We are also going to take the opportunity to carry out important maintenance works in the streets at the same time.

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**Why do we want to do this work?**

The existing surface has worn out and become damaged. We want to provide a brand new surface, designed to last well into the future, to improve the image of Ashford Town Centre and minimise maintenance requirements going forward.

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

The works will be carried out in three phases, intended to minimise the effect on local businesses and ensuring that deliveries will be able to continue during the works. Pedestrian access to properties will be maintained with works outside the entrances being carried out, where possible, when the shops are closed.

Sections of Bank Street and Tufton Street will be closed to through traffic at different stages of the works. Local diversions will be set up and signposted to assist drivers. The contractor will be assisting drivers making deliveries to businesses by moving cones, barriers and vehicles out of the way if required. Delivery vehicles will continue to have access to Bank Street, but delays may be experienced at some times. Buses will be diverted via Church Street and stops relocated to temporary locations in Vicarage Lane for the entire project. The taxi rank in lower Bank Street will be relocated to Elwick Square for part of the works. Disabled bays and taxi stands will be suspended in Tufton Street and Middle Street.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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

Works are scheduled to begin on the 26 May 2015 and should be completed by the end of October 2015.

Information on the scheme is on display at Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS.

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**How to contact us?**

If you have an enquiry about any aspects of the roadworks, please call us on 03000 418181, or you can email us at traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk.

For the latest updates on what we are doing, please visit: [http://kccmediahub.net/](http://kccmediahub.net/), or follow us on our Twitter page: [https://twitter.com/kent_cc](https://twitter.com/kent_cc).

Visit our website [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways) to find out how we look after the roads in Kent.

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.