Highfield Lane, Ashford

Permanent Road Closure and Construction of Turning Head

What are we planning to do?
Kent County Council are planning to install a turning head just south of the junction of Highfield Lane and Kingsford Street in order to facilitate the permanent closure of Highfield Lane to through traffic. Bollards will also be installed at the southern end of Highfield Lane north of the junction with Cheeseman’s Green Lane.

When will the work start and how long will it take?
The work will take around four weeks to complete, commencing on Monday 16th April 2018 (excluding weekends), between the hours of 7am and 5pm. This type of work can be affected by bad weather, so if it is not possible for us to carry it out at this time, we will arrange a new date and let you know.

How will we carry out the works and how will it affect you?
The works will be undertaken using a road closure from the junction of Highfield Lane with Kingsford Street to the junction with Cheeseman’s Green Lane. Traffic will still be able to travel to the A20 via the bridge over the M20, however, this will be a temporary arrangement until the bridge itself is closed prior to demolition.

Why do we want to do this work?
As part of the planning for the new motorway junction (M20 J10a) local concerns were raised about drivers trying to avoid the new junction both during and after construction, using Highfield Lane as a shortcut. The road will therefore be closed permanently, with traffic instead travelling via the A20 Hythe Road and junction 10/10a.

Keeping you and our staff safe
We want to complete the works as quickly as we can and without causing you too much inconvenience. So 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 and our staff work next to moving traffic and risk injury every day to maintain and improve the highway for everyone.

Please keep this leaflet safe in case you need to contact us
For further information or to find out more about what we do please visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways where you can also report a fault on any of our roads across Kent. You can find us on Twitter @KentHighways. If you have a problem during the works or need to contact us in an emergency you can call us on 03000 41 81 81. We often ask residents to fill in a short feedback survey that we will post through your door after we have completed our works so please help us by filling this in and sending it back freepost. You can also do this survey on line at www.kent.gov.uk/roadworkssurvey.

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 Citizens Advice Consumer Service Helpline on 03454 04 05 06.