

Road Maintenance in Your Area

Road Surface Improvement (Resurfacing)



A227 Wrotham Road, Meopham.

When we plan to carry out the work and how long it will take

This is to let you know that, as part of the on-going maintenance and improvement of the highway network, Kent County Council will be resurfacing **A227 Wrotham Road, Meopham between the junction of Green lane and Steeles Lane.**

These road surface improvement works are programmed to start on the **23rd March 2022** and should take **10 nights (excluding weekends)** to complete. These activities will be undertaken between the hours of **20:00 and 06:00** each night.

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 via a letter drop to your home. We will also put up signs along the road, before we start, showing the date we plan to start work.

During these essential works it will be necessary to close the road completely so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users. The works will be split into 2 phases with the below closure extent and diversions:

Phase 1. Road closed between Green Lane and The Street (Meopham).

Works starting 23rd March 2022 for 1 night.

Wrotham Road will be closed between Green Lane and The Street (Meopham).

Alternative route via A227 Wrotham Road, Coldharbour Road, Hall Road, New barn Road, B260 Main Road, B260 Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill, A225 Main Road, A225 Dartford Road, A20 Main Road Gorse Hill, A20 London Road, A227 Gravesend Road, A227 Wrotham Road and Vice versa.

Phase 2. Road will be closed between B260 Longfield Road and Steele Lane.

Works starting 24th March 2022 for approximately 9 nights.

Wrotham Road will be closed between B260 Longfield Road and Steele Lane.

Alternative route via B260 Longfield Road, B260 Green Street Green Road, Darenth Hill, A225 Main Road, A225 Dartford Road, A20 Main Road Gorse Hill, A20 London Road, A227 Gravesend Road, A227 Wrotham Road and Vice versa.

What we plan to do

We will remove the existing road surface by a method known as milling. The complete area will then be swept by a mechanical sweeper to ensure the prepared surface is clean and free of dust and debris. If required, the existing manhole covers, and rain water gully gratings will be adjusted or replaced to the correct level before the new surface is laid. Please note that this operation is noisy and can be prolonged as it is carried out using pneumatic hand tools.

The new surfacing material will then be laid using a machine called a paver and compacted with a roller. This is a quick process and dependant on the design will either be a one or two-layer process. Finally, following completion of the surfacing, all associated road markings will be re-painted. The road will then be re-opened. Please note that during the whole process, audible warning reversing sirens will be heard along with flashing beacons; this is a health and safety requirement and cannot be turned off but will be kept to a minimum.

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Why are we doing this work?

The majority of capital investment in maintaining our highway network is funded through various capital maintenance grants from the Government. To make best use of that finite resource we carry out condition surveys and inspections, using a combination of mechanical and visual means, together with an assessment of local needs, and that helps to inform an annual capital works programme that balances value for money and our duties under the Highways Act 1980. Our approach to highways asset management is based on using robust data to inform how we invest the funds available, so that we spend the right amount of money at the right time to reduce the cost of maintenance overall. Further details of our works programmes and our approach to highways asset management more generally can be found at www.kent.gov.uk.

COVID-19 Statement

We take the wellbeing of the public and our workforce extremely seriously, please be assured we have put in place all mitigating measures necessary to abide by the guidance currently in place. For the safety of both you and our workforce, please do not approach our workforce on site.

How you can help us

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, but we will try to keep this to a minimum. Restricted Access to residential properties and all businesses up to the closure point, will be available, when safe to do so, but if you have any access needs, please let the workforce on site know. Access to properties between the closure points will need to be restricted for a short period while work is carried out in front of each property and across road junctions. Traffic Management operatives will be available to help direct traffic within the closure.

We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality. **If your vehicle is usually parked on the carriageway, please make sure you park it somewhere else away from the site whilst the works are carried out, so the road is clear for us to resurface.**

For your safety and the safety of our workforce, please drive carefully and slowly through the roadworks.

How to contact us?

If you need more information, you can visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/resurfacingupdates to view our programme & updates, to find out how we look after the roads throughout Kent or report any faults you find on our roads. You can also view our diversion/permit details at www.one.network. Alternatively, you can call us on **03000 41 81 81**.

WARNING – Beware Bogus Callers

Kent County Council Highways, Transportation and Waste 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. We advise you to contact Citizen's Advice on 03444 111 444 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)