



# **A249 Grovehurst Road Improvement Scheme**

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***A249 Grovehurst Road junction***



Dear Stakeholder,

Thank you for following the updates on the Grovehurst Road scheme. In this update, we set out what works have been completed so far this year and what works remain before the new junction can safely open.

This update includes:

- work completed so far in 2026
- the remaining tasks (both on and off the road network)
- the latest news about traffic signal commissioning and junction opening
- BT works on the A249 southbound exit slip road.

### **Works completed**

So far in 2026, the following activities have been completed:

- commissioning of all traffic signals
- connection of new lighting columns
- laying of the High Friction Surfacing (HFS)
- final road markings
- landscaping around the scheme

These works represent significant progress toward bringing the junction into full use.

### **Remaining works to open the junction**

The final stages of the project involve technical and safety activities that must be completed and signed off before the new junction can open. These steps are important to ensure the layout operates safely from the outset. They include:

- final commissioning of the gyratory system, allowing it to be open to traffic
- completion of earthworks, including the new pond access track



- BT utility works (details below)
- Independent Road Safety Audit and related checks before the traffic signals can be switched on
- defect correction works across the site, by Jackson, some of which may need short-term traffic management (residents will be notified in advance)

Based on current timescales provided by Jackson, these should be completed over the coming weeks, with the signalised junction expected to open by the end of March 2026.

### **BT utility works**

BT must complete a final piece of essential work to support the new junction. This involves installing a new chamber on the verge of the A249 southbound slip road (towards Maidstone). The work requires digging to a depth of around 3 metres, with machinery operating close to the road.

For the safety of both workers and road users, the A249 southbound exit slip road will need to be closed 24 hours a day while this work is carried out.

### **Closure dates:**

Monday 9 March to Sunday 19 April

### **Diversion route:**

Drivers will need to continue to Bobbing Junction, loop back onto the A249 northbound (towards Sheppey) and exit at Grovehurst Road.

### **Keeping you informed**

We understand how important it is for the junction to open as soon as it is safe to do so. Once the remaining technical checks, audits and utility works are completed, we will update residents with further progress about the junction next month.

Regards,

**Project team**