

Highway improvements are about to start near where you live



TONBRIDGE ROAD PEMBURY PROPOSED CYCLE ROUTE SCHEME

Providing a new footway/cycleway facility with new streetlights

What are we planning to do?

In July and August, we consulted local people and other stakeholders on proposals to build a new shared use footway/cycleway facility to join two similar existing facilities in Tonbridge Road. The proposal was largely supported and approval to proceed has been granted. This new cycle route will be constructed in the west verge from near the new A21 roundabout in Longfield Road to opposite the main vehicle access to Tunbridge Wells Hospital. We will also be improving the surface of Blackhurst Lane to provide a link to the new footbridge under construction over the A21. To assist in keeping all users safe, new streetlights will be introduced along the whole length as part of the works. Please see the plan on the reverse of this sheet.

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

Works are programmed to commence on **Monday 9 October 2017** and expected to be completed by the end of March 2018. The works will be suspended and the road fully reopened from **13 November 2017 to 7 January 2018** to avoid affecting local businesses during the busy Christmas shopping period.

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

During the first five weeks of the works, Tonbridge Road will be closed to northbound traffic from Tunbridge Wells Hospital to the Longfield Road (A21) junction. A diversion will be set up via Tonbridge Road, Pembury Road, A21 Londonbound and Longfield Road. Southbound traffic (i.e. from Longfield Road towards the hospital) will still be able to use Tonbridge Road during this time. After the road closure phase, traffic will be able to use the road in both directions, with two way traffic signal control where works are taking place. Delays will be possible during peak times.

Please note that Tonbridge Road will remain open to normal traffic movements between Pembury Road and the hospital entrance throughout the works.

Why do we want to do this work?

Highways England has recently completed construction of a non-motorised user route (NMU), providing a dedicated facility for people walking, riding cycles and horses alongside the new dualled section of the A21 between Pembury and Tonbridge. Pedestrians and cyclists are able to proceed under the A21 and into Tonbridge Road, but the footway/cycleway then ends, requiring users to continue on the road. This scheme will complete the link to an existing footway/cycleway that currently ends opposite the hospital entrance, providing an off-carriageway facility for pedestrians and cyclists.

Keeping you and our staff safe

Our site traffic management is designed to keep members of the public and the site vehicles and machinery separate at all times, to ensure all people passing through or working along the road, go home to their families at the end of the day. This will only happen if everyone stays on the right side of the barriers, observe all the signs and drive through the site at a safe speed. KCC thanks you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

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