

DOVER FASTRACK – PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Moving into the fast lane

A warm welcome to the first issue of our Dover Fastrack Newsletter, introduced to you by Colas as the project contractor. These monthly newsletters aim to provide regular updates about this exciting project, which will provide a new bus, cycle and pedestrian express route and run Kent's **first ever zero emission bus service**.

What are we doing right now?

We've been busy working with Dover District Council, Kent County Council and National Highways and are now preparing to start work on site. Local suppliers and specialist subcontractors have been appointed and we're working with utility providers to plan diversions, obtain approvals and develop traffic management designs.

Initial works will start in February and include vegetation clearance, archaeological investigations and construction of the new bus link at the B&Q roundabout. Wherever possible, we will timetable works during quieter periods such as school holidays.

What will this project mean for you?

As well as providing key infrastructure, over **£8.5m** of social value will be generated for local communities and businesses. Our dedicated Social Value Coordinator will work with local schools, colleges, businesses, and charities to create benefits that translate into opportunities for trainees, apprentices and graduates. These include free training and support for routes to employment with many more initiatives and community events planned in the coming months.

Traffic management updates

Dover Road w/c 14 Feb – road closure between 0730hrs and 1730hrs – half term daytime closures between the A258 and Old Charlton Road for shrub and tree clearance ahead of bird nesting season. Access to residential properties will be maintained at all times, including at Burgoyne Heights, and a signed diversion route provided.

A2 Road w/c 14 Feb – lane closures between 2100hrs and 0500hrs – night-time closures between Whitfield roundabout and the A256 junction for shrub and tree clearance ahead of bird nesting season.

Want to know more?

If you want to learn more about planned activities, get involved in community events or take advantage of free training opportunities, please email our dedicated Public Liaison Officer at PLODoverFT@colas.co.uk or sign up to Dover District Council's 'Keep Me Posted' service at www.dover.gov.uk

PROGRAMME

Dover Fastrack is a Bus Rapid Transit express system that will connect Whitfield with Dover town centre and Dover Priory railway station. Completion of the new infrastructure is programmed for late summer 2023, with the bus service expected to be operational by autumn 2023. More details of the construction programme will be provided in future newsletters.

FUNDING

Dover District Council was awarded £22.9m by Homes England to stimulate new housing and is working in partnership with Kent County Council as the Highway Authority.

KEY FACTS

- ▶ Boosting the local economy with 80% of the project spend remaining in Kent.
- ▶ Supply chain opportunities advertised on the Kent Business Portal.
- ▶ Colas SmartWaste technology providing ≥95% project re-use/recycling of waste materials.
- ▶ Colas Stage V plant, hydrogen powered cabins, and solar-powered batteries/generators used to reduce Co² emissions.

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