Work continues to improve Bexleyheath …

Bexleyheath Town Centre Revitalisation Phase 2 - Stage 2

From January 2017 until Autumn 2017 there will be major improvement works taking place along Albion Road and Gravel Hill
**What work is taking place?**

Work will take place along Albion Road, from the Oaklands car park roundabout in front of the bowling centre, to its junction with Gravel Hill, and also on Gravel Hill to the Watling Street junction outside the Civic Offices.

The aim of the work is to provide:

- better access to the town centre via south Bexleyheath - the central barrier which currently cuts off south Bexleyheath residents from the town centre will be removed
- new, convenient and direct crossing facilities for both pedestrians and cyclists
- better footways with better lighting throughout
- trees, shrubbery and wild flowers planted to soften and improve the look of the street
- segregated mandatory cycle lanes on both sides of the road, to benefit cyclists, distance pedestrians from traffic, reduce speeds, and provide shorter crossing points.

The works are part of a transport and public space improvement scheme supported by the Mayor of London.

**Works timetable**

**January – March 2017**

Removal of the central reservation (median) barrier between the Oaklands Car Park/ bowling centre roundabout and the Highland Road roundabout. This will be replaced with an over runnable narrow median strip in some areas or a raised median with planting in others.

Albion Road will remain open throughout this work however traffic may be slower than normal. Full access to residential properties will be maintained and bus routes will be unaffected. The existing short section of evening and Sunday on-street parking along Albion Road, opposite the Broadway Shopping Centre, will not be available during some of this period.

**March – Autumn 2017**

Construction of a new road layout to introduce improved footways, new crossings, cycleways and altered carriageway along the whole of Albion Road. These works will be carried out in sections and phased to minimise disruption, as follows:

**Section 1 - Oaklands car park - Townley Road**

Works in this section will reduce the current two lane dual carriageway to a single lane for most of this length. The central median will be removed and replaced with an over runnable central strip for most of its length.

**Section 2 - Townley Road – Highland Road**

The existing dual carriageway on the north side will remain in place on the approach and exit to the Broadway Shopping Centre car park, but become a single lane between these points. On the south side the existing two lane dual carriageway will be reduced to a single lane, with protected parking outside the properties between Pincott Rd and Victoria Rd. Pincott Road, Warren Road and Victoria Road will become one-way in a clockwise direction. Changes will also be made in Highland Road from the roundabout up to the Broadway Square car park, to improve entry and exit for this car park.

**Section 3 - Highland Road - Gravel Hill**

The existing two lane dual carriageway will remain but will be realigned on both sides of the road, and a planted median strip provided.
March – Autumn 2017 - Phasing of works

Works start on the southern side and move from the west (Oaklands car park roundabout) to the east (Gravel Hill), they will then swap to the northern side and again move from west to east through these same sections to complete the Albion Road improvements.

Albion Road will need to be closed on one side of the route when the works take place in each section. Traffic will be able to use the rest of Albion Road, but there will be a signed diversion for through traffic on the affected direction of traffic.

May – September 2017

Gravel Hill (Watling St & Albion Rd junctions)

The traffic light controlled junctions at Albion Road/Gravel Hill and at Gravel Hill/Watling Street will be replaced with standard roundabouts to improve traffic flow and speed up journey times. Shorter, more direct pedestrian crossings will be provided on all arms of these two junctions.

During the improvement work the junctions will remain open to traffic but some turns may be banned from time to time with signed diversions. Safe pedestrian crossings will be provided at all times.

Why make changes?

The proposed improvements are part of the second phase of a major scheme, funded by Transport for London, to revitalise Bexleyheath town centre.

The aim is to ensure that Bexleyheath remains a vibrant town centre, achieves its full potential and attracts more businesses whilst creating a more pleasant and accessible environment. Works completed so far have already transformed the western and northern parts of the town centre, and have received the prestigious London Transport 2014 Award and been highly commended by transport professional organisations. These new changes around the southern and eastern areas, build upon this success.

Further Information

For more information on the Bexleyheath Town Centre Revitalisation scheme go to www.bexley.gov.uk/BTCR2 This includes plans of the new layout, answers to common questions, up-to-date details for the programming of the works and associated traffic controls.

If you have any queries you can email us at BTCR@bexley.gov.uk
## Before and After (indicative)

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We apologise for any disruption caused by the improvement works and thank you for your patience.