

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **WORK CONTINUES TO IMPROVE BEXLEYHEATH**

From 16 January until autumn 2017 there will be major improvement works taking place along Albion Road and Gravel Hill.

The first stage of the work from January to March will be to remove the central reservation and barrier between the Oaklands Road roundabout in front of the bowling centre and the Highland Road roundabout. This will be replaced with an overrunnable narrow median strip or a raised median strip with planting and will improve access to the town centre via south Bexleyheath.

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 continue to operate. 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.

At the end of March, works will then begin to construct a new carriageway along the whole of Albion Road. This work will be undertaken in sections and phased to minimise disruption. The first section of work will be the removal of the central barrier and the construction of a new carriageway between the Oaklands Road roundabout in front of the bowling centre and the Highland Road roundabout.

Once completed, work will move back to the Oaklands roundabout along the southern side, towards Townley Road. Once this is complete, construction will begin on the southern side of the section between Townley Road roundabout and Highlands Road roundabout, and following this on the southern side between Highland Road and Gravel Hill. Work will then return to the Oaklands roundabout and construction will progress along Albion Road in these sections, on the northern side.

In addition to removal of the central reservation and the construction of the new carriageway along Albion Road there will be new convenient and direct crossing facilities for both pedestrians and cyclists, and footways will be improved. Trees and shrubbery will also be planted along the route and there will be segregated mandatory cycle lanes on both sides of the road.

The improvement works are part of the Bexleyheath Town Centre Revitalisation

scheme. The aim is to ensure that Bexleyheath remains a vibrant town centre, achieves its full potential and attracts more businesses, while creating a more pleasant and accessible environment. Works completed so far have already transformed the western and northern parts of the town centre, and received a London Transport award as well as being highly commended by professional transport organisations. The improvements around the southern and eastern areas of Bexleyheath, will build upon this success.

In May, work will also take place at the traffic light controlled junctions at Albion Road/Gravel Hill and at Gravel Hill/Watling Street, to improve traffic flow and speed up journey times. These junctions will be replaced with traditional roundabouts with a signal controlled pedestrian crossing.

For more information on the Bexleyheath Town Centre Revitalisation scheme go to [www.bexley.gov.uk/BTCR2](http://www.bexley.gov.uk/BTCR2) or email [BTCR@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:BTCR@bexley.gov.uk)

- Map of the area affected attached

- Phase one of the Bexleyheath Town Centre Revitalisation Scheme won the 'Excellence in Walking and Public Realm' category at the prestigious London Transport Awards 2014. It was a finalist for four other awards and was highly commended at the Urban Transport Design Award 2015, where judges commented that "Practitioners should visit Bexleyheath, observe and see what they can learn".

- The scheme, funded by Transport for London, focused on transport and public realm improvements from the approach of Albion Road to Broadway along the Broadway from its junction with Church Road to its junction with Arnsberg Way, continuing on Arnsberg Way up to its junction with Mayplace Road West. It included a new roundabout near the bowling centre, the redesign of junctions to make them more pedestrian friendly, and the redesign of the shared space outside Christ Church, Trinity junction and by the police station. Traffic signals were replaced with improved courtesy crossings and lighting and street furniture were upgraded.

Attachments

- [BTCR2 2 - Area affected by works .pdf](#)
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