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RIDGEWAY PATH IMPROVEMENTS BEGIN

Work begins on improvements to the Ridgeway path in Thamesmead next week (27 March). They will create a new path that will give pedestrians and cyclists a more convenient route between Cory Bridge and Sporting Club Thamesmead.

The new shared use footpath will see lighting discs to mark the edge of the path installed on the surface and an access ramp to create a new link to Southmere Park. Existing gates will be upgraded and new signs installed.

The improvement work will last approximately 12 weeks. The path will be closed to the public from Monday 3 April while the works are carried out and signs will be in place to guide path users around the site.

Bexley's Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth, Cllr Linda Bailey said: "I'm pleased to see work getting started at the Ridgeway to create a much safer and more usable connection between north and south Thamesmead. This project is a great example of what we can achieve for the community with the support of our partners."

The Council and Thames Water have agreed a management and maintenance plan for the route to make sure the improvements are looked after in the future.

Thames Water Community Project Manager said, "We're delighted to be working alongside the London Borough of Bexley to get this exciting new project off the ground. The work will enhance the local environment and create a better place for people to live, travel and work. In partnership, we hope to achieve a much wider and lasting benefit for the Ridgeway Path."

Peabody's Executive Director for Thamesmead, John Lewis said: "The latest Ridgeway Path partnership improvement project will complement the works already carried out near the West Thamesmead Gateway in Plumstead, in offering pedestrians and cyclists a much nicer surface for them to travel. We hope the improvements will encourage people to get more active and enjoy the beautiful green open spaces Thamesmead has to offer."

The project will complement works already carried out on the section of the Ridgeway which passes through to Plumstead in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

The scheme is funded by Thames Water, the London Borough of Bexley and Peabody. Project partners include the Royal Borough of Greenwich and the North West Kent Countryside Partnership (NWKCP).

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Notes for editors

Thames Water has granted £250,000 to the project, matched by £100,000 from the London Borough of Bexley and £30,000 from Peabody.

The Ridgeway runs for three and a half miles from Plumstead Station in the west to Crossness Pumping Station in the east. It is built on top of the Victorian engineered Thames Water sewer pipe, the Southern Outfall Sewer.

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