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Bexleyheath improvement work stops in the run-up to Christmas

Work to improve Bexleyheath will stop in the run-up to Christmas to enable easier access for shoppers during the busy festive period.

From 15 December there will be no road closures or diversions in place on Gravel Hill.

Work will restart in early January on the construction of the new roundabouts and on six signal controlled crossings around them, and will continue until Spring 2018.

Cllr Alex Sawyer, Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transport, said: "We're making these improvements because we want to ensure that Bexleyheath remains a vibrant town and continues to grow. It's important that we invest in our town centers so that local businesses and residents can benefit in the longer term.

"We recognise that Christmas is an important trading period and want to support local businesses as much as possible."

Traffic restrictions on Albion Road were lifted during November when major improvement works finished. These included the removal of the central brick wall barrier, which cut off the north and south side of Albion Road, new footpaths with more space for pedestrians and six new direct zebra crossings. All of these improvements give the area a more modern and open appearance.

Segregated cycle lanes have been provided along the majority of Albion Road. These will be completed in the New Year, along with other finishing works and landscaping, and they will then be made mandatory, with appropriate signs and road markings. Drivers will not be permitted to use them.

The new carriageway along Albion Road is also complete, with some sections converted to a single lane. A 30mph speed limit is in operation.

The improvements in Bexleyheath are being managed by the Council and funded by Transport for London. For more information go to www.bexley.gov.uk/BTCR2

