

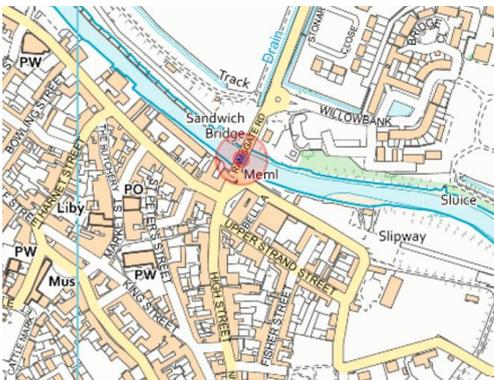
Sandwich Toll Bridge No.1693, Sandwich

Swing Bridge Refurbishment Works



Kent County Council is intending to carry out essential maintenance works on Sandwich Toll Bridge in Sandwich from 17th February 2020. These works are vital to ensure reliable and efficient operation of the swing bridge and the safety of the Highway and river navigation now and in the future. The duration of the works will be 7 weeks.

Where are the works taking place?



Sandwich Toll Bridge is located the north end of the High Street and carries Ramsgate Road over the River Stour.

The works will take place at the bridge site and at a separate KCC yard.

Why are the works necessary?

Over the years the mechanical and electrical components that enable the bridge to operate as a swing bridge have deteriorated and they have now reached the end of their serviceable life and need to be replaced.

The refurbishment works will ensure that the bridge remains safe and operational for both Highway and river navigation.



What do the works involve?



The bridge deck will be removed and transported to a yard to facilitate the works. The mechanical and electrical components at the bridge site and on the deck will be replaced and the opportunity will be taken to clean and repaint the bridge deck for maintenance purposes.

Upgrades to the swing bridge operational procedures will also be incorporated with the refurbishment works together with repairs to the road.

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The road will be closed at the bridge for the for the duration of the works

Where will traffic be diverted during the works?

During the works vehicles will be routed around a diversion route and pedestrians will have a dedicated shuttle bus to transport them around to the other end of the bridge. The bus timetable will operate daily from 06:00 to 24:00. River navigation will be maintained without restrictions whilst the bridge is removed.

Works on the A256

Although the work by Southern Water is continuing on the A256 at present, pressure is being kept on them to get this work done and the road open as soon as possible. These works and the closure of the bridge will not run concurrently.

Where can I find our more information about the works?

If you have any questions, queries or comments before, during or after the works you can log your enquiry in two ways:

Call **03000 41 81 81** and speak to a member of our Contact Point Team.

If one of our agents is unable to help you they will log an enquiry and arrange for a member of the Structures Team to contact you directly.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/>

To receive email updates on the Sandwich Toll Bridge works from Dover District Council, sign up for Keep Me Posted from Dover District Council www.dover.gov.uk/keepmeposted

Until the works are completed it is inevitable that residents and businesses near to the site will experience some disruption but we will try to keep this to a minimum.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and cooperation whilst we complete these essential works.