

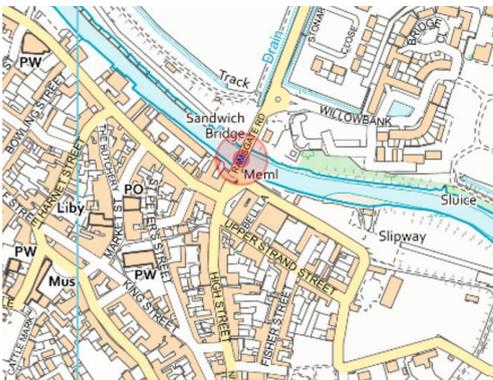
Sandwich Toll Bridge No.1693, Sandwich

Swing Bridge Refurbishment Works



Kent County Council is intending to carry out essential maintenance works on Sandwich Toll Bridge in Sandwich from 21 September 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 11 weeks.

Where are the works taking place?



Sandwich Toll Bridge is located at 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 bridge and 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.

Given the concerns with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, KCC has been working with bus operators using the Guidance from Government as to the correct provision for this shuttle bus whilst ensuring that transport is available where it is needed and that it is as safe as possible. Steps taken to ensure the shuttle service is as safe as possible includes increased frequency of buses, reduced seating capacity to increase social distancing, heightened cleaning and the availability of face masks and hand sanitiser. Separate detailed guidance on the alternative arrangements being put in place for pedestrians are reproduced at the end of this works notification.

River navigation will be maintained without restrictions whilst the bridge is removed.

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.

Sandwich Toll Bridge Closure

Alternative arrangements for pedestrians

Sandwich Toll Bridge is being taken out of operation on 21 September 2020 for essential repairs and maintenance for a period of 11 weeks. During this period a complimentary shuttle bus service will be provided between the Guildhall on New Street (Cattle Market) via a stop at Discovery Park to Ramsgate Road at the junction with Willow Bank. The shuttle bus will initially operate between 06:00 to 24:00 with a frequency of every 15 minutes in each direction using two minibuses. A timetable will be published in advance of the works commencing. However, demand will be reviewed and the service adjusted as necessary.

Given the concerns with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, KCC has been working with bus operators using the Guidance from Government as to the correct provision for this service whilst ensuring that transport is available where it is needed and that it is as safe as possible.

Steps taken to ensure the shuttle service is as safe as possible includes increased frequency of buses, reduced seating capacity to increase social distancing, heightened cleaning paying particular attention to high contact areas such as handles and grab rails and the availability of face masks and hand sanitiser.

Conditions for travel that you should follow:

- You must wear a face covering except those who are exempt for reasons of health, age or equality.
- You should maintain at least 1 metre social distancing wherever possible and take suitable precautions
- To help keep yourself, other passengers and transport staff safe:
 - do not eat or drink whilst on the vehicle
 - wash or sanitise your hands before and after travel
 - touch as few surfaces as possible
 - avoid touching your face
 - If you need to dispose of your face covering, use 'black bag' waste bins or litter bins. You should not use a recycling bin
 - Plan your journey and check the advertised timetable and avoid peak periods wherever possible
- Treat transport staff with respect and follow instructions from your transport operator. These may include:
 - notices about which seats to use or how to queue
 - additional screens, barriers or floor markings
- You should not travel if you:
 - are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms
 - are self-isolating as a result of coronavirus symptoms or sharing a household or support bubble with somebody with symptoms
 - have been advised by the NHS test and trace service that you should self-isolate

The latest Government Covid-19: safer travel guidance for passengers can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>