

Notification of the temporary closure of Tower View to create a new pedestrian crossing

We will need to temporarily close part of Tower View in order to undertake works to create a new pedestrian crossing. These works are needed to ensure a safe crossing for residents in the newest phase of Kings Hill to schools and the shops and will comply with the planning conditions related to the new residential neighbourhood at Kings Hill, formally approved under TM/16/01519/RD.

The location of the crossing was selected after careful consideration of the alternatives with specialist transport consultants, the local planning authority and Kent Highways. The location was agreed at Phase 3 Outline Planning stage and approved in August 2015.

The planning application consultation process allowed for this location to be tested and then the obligation for Liberty to execute the works was confirmed in a planning condition. Liberty as developer is paying for the works.

To minimise disruption we have rescheduled the work to start on Monday 30th April and anticipate completion the last week of May 2018. A full road closure will be in place from Monday 30th April to Tuesday 15th May between the entrance to 11 Tower View and Alexander Grove.

Description of the works
A signalised pedestrian crossing will be constructed on Tower View to allow a safe crossing point from the new residential neighbourhood under development that is located to the north of Tower View, to the Invicta Academy School, Liberty Square retail and community facilities to the south.

Minimising Disruption
Discussions have been held with the Environmental Health team at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (TMBC),

the Kings Hill Parish Council (KHPC) and the Borough Councillors regarding the various construction options available, of which there were three. The plan on the back page shows the three options.

The three options were discussed at length and it was agreed with TMBC and KHPC that Option 3 was by far the preferred option as being overall the least disruptive. We have obtained consent from TMBC to extend the core working hours for the duration of the project from 7:00am to 19:00pm Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 17:00pm on Saturday. Please rest assured that noisy work will still be limited to the TMBC core times (Mon – Fri 7:30am – 18:00pm and Saturday 8:00am – 13:00pm) and there will be no work on Sundays

or Bank Holidays. (A fourth option which involved night work was also considered but this was discounted by TMBC due to the potential noise nuisance to residential properties).

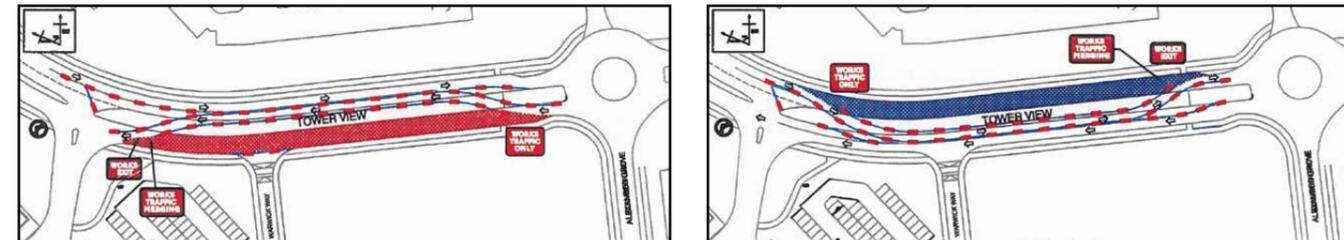
The Tower View road closure will be taking place from Monday 30th April to Tuesday 15th May. Diversions will be in place for residential traffic and commercial traffic, including buses and retail delivery vehicles. Emergency services will be made aware. (See the next two pages for the location of the closure and diversion route).

We are committed to delivering the works to the highest possible standard and with minimum disruption. We would like to thank you all again for your cooperation and patience with any inconvenience our works may cause.

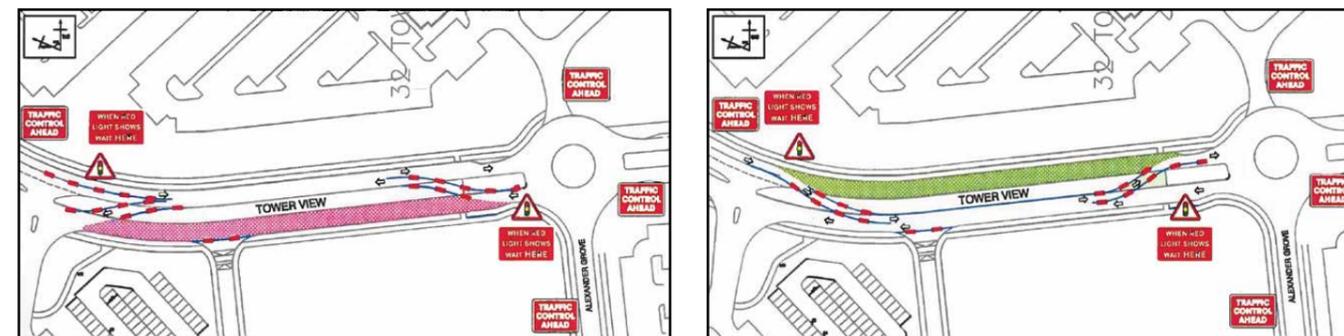
If you believe there is an emergency during the works please contact firstly Walker Construction (UK) Limited 0771007737 and secondly Craig Spence on 07899896668.

The considered construction options:

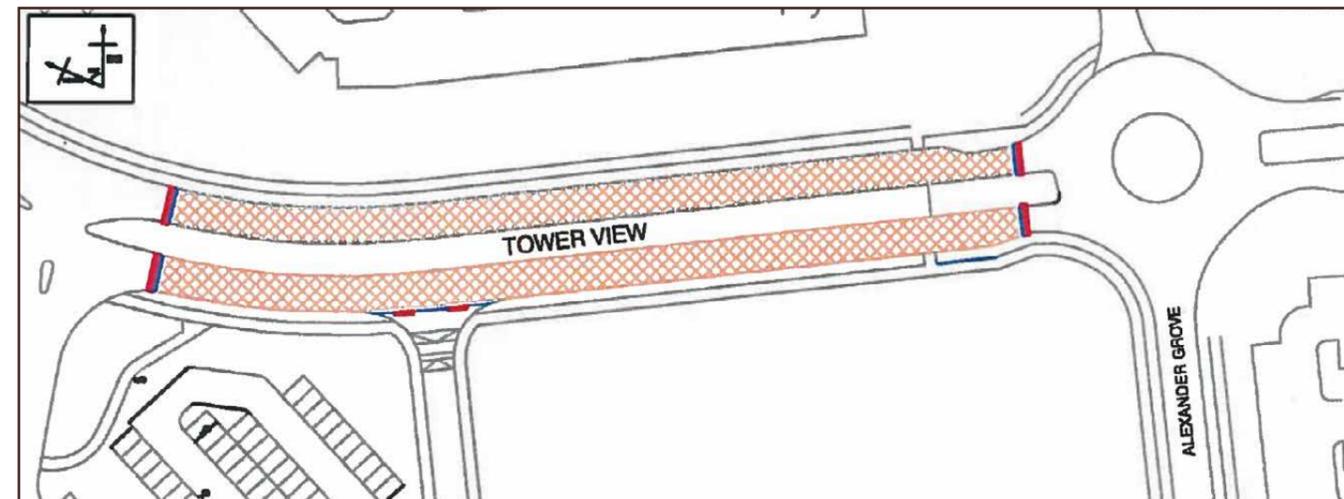
Option 1 was to close one carriageway at a time to undertake the work and allow two way traffic flows on the other carriageway. This would involve significant traffic management, the removal of a large proportion of the central reserve and would take approximately 6-7 weeks to complete.



Option 2 again allowed for work to be carried out on one carriageway at a time but to only allow single direction flow of traffic by the use of traffic lights. This would also require significant traffic management and has an increased safety risk if the traffic lights are not adhered to. This option would also take 6-7 weeks to complete the scheme.



Option 3 is for a full road closure and to divert all traffic on alternative routes. This would allow for a much safer working environment for the contractor undertaking the work and allows a significant reduction in the overall duration and resultant disruption. The Contractor has programmed the road closure to be in place for just 2 weeks with localised traffic management for a further two weeks.



diversion route

