

A28 Sturry Link Road Scheme

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Introduction

Welcome to our first scheme newsletter.

As you may have seen, following on from advanced works on the A28 earlier in the year, work on the Sturry Link Road started in April. The scheme will see a road built connecting the A28 and A291 and a new viaduct that crosses the River Stour and railway (see general arrangement drawing above). This will reduce local congestion and improve local journeys.

The A28 through Sturry is regularly congested due to the level crossing. The new road will create a bypass, allowing traffic to avoid the level crossing, reducing delays and improving journey times. It will also improve access to Sturry Railway Station.

In addition, the project will support the planned housing developments in Sturry and Broad Oak.

Our principal contractor is VolkerFitzpatrick Ltd, one of the UK's leading engineering and construction companies.

We would like to bring anyone who is interested along on this journey, so will be updating the website and issuing monthly newsletters to share our progress. Feedback is always welcome and helps us know your areas of interest and where we can improve.

Scheme overview

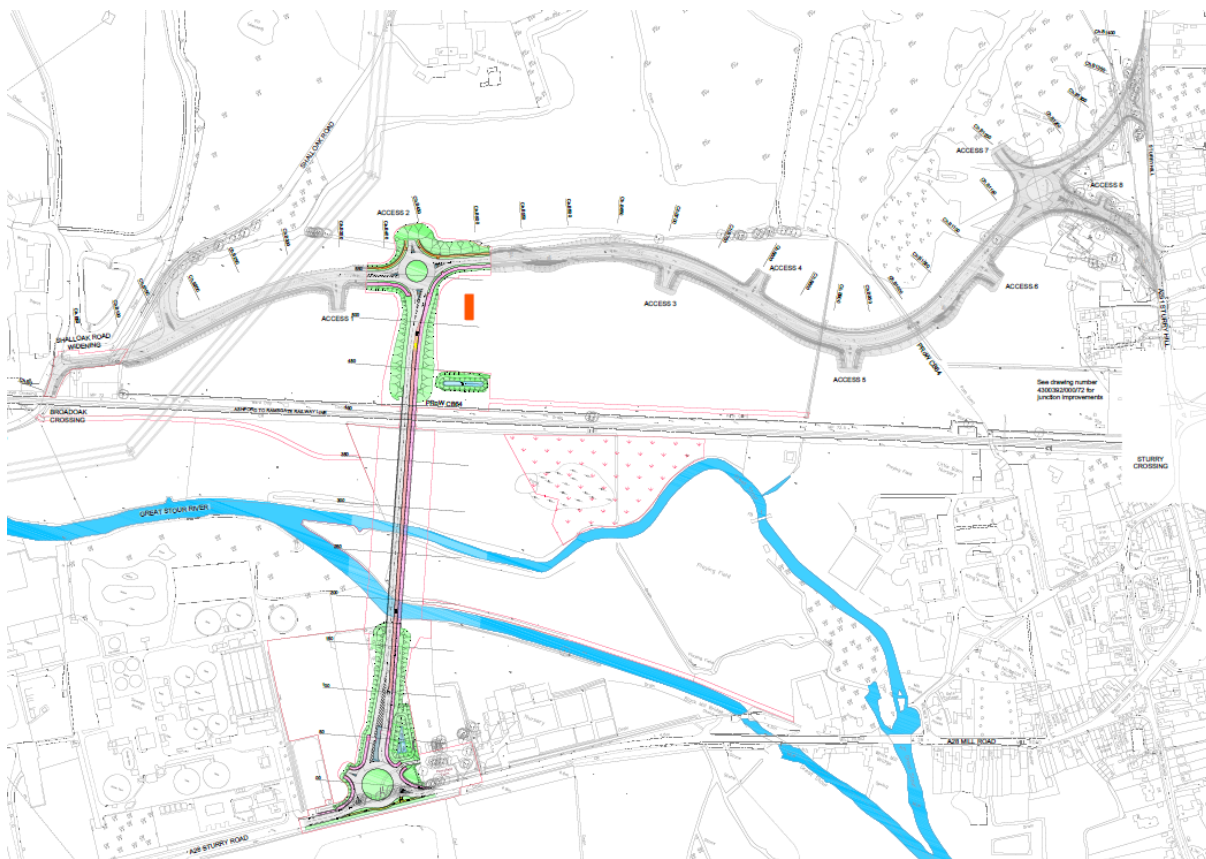
The Sturry Link Road scheme will deliver a new route between the A28 and the A291 at Sturry, providing a bypass for the heavily congested Sturry Level Crossing and the junction of the A291 and A28 at Island Road. The scheme includes a new roundabout on the A28, which will link to a combined viaduct structure spanning the River Stour, its floodplain, and the railway line.





The viaduct will lead to a new roundabout and east-west route north of the railway, linking with the A291 Sturry Hill and Shalloak Road. The east–west section of the route will be delivered by the Land at Sturry developer.

The scheme will also feature a shared footway-cycleway, a southbound bus lane for buses headed towards Canterbury city centre, pedestrian crossing points, and road lighting throughout (except over the viaduct itself).



Sturry Link Road Scheme Plan



Construction programme

- Start of works – spring 2026
- Piling commencement – early summer 2026
- Start concreting bridge piers – summer 2026
- Start of bridge beam installation – autumn 2026
- Final bridge beam installation – summer 2027
- A28 roundabout works – autumn 2027
- End of works – summer 2028



How will these works affect you?



The majority of our construction activities are being carried out away from existing roads. While deliveries and other vehicles will enter the site via the A28 and Shalloak Road, we do not anticipate this causing any disruption.

The work earlier in the year on the A28 means that we don't need to have any traffic management on Sturry Road again until 2027 when we finish the new roundabout. We will need to have traffic management at times on Shalloak Road near the Broad Oak level crossing and we are co-ordinating this with other works in the area as much as possible to reduce the impact to traffic.

We are working Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 5.30pm, and Saturdays between 8am and 1pm (when necessary). If any tasks require us to work overnight or at weekends, we will seek permission from the environmental health team and let affected audiences know in advance.

Environmental

We fully understand there are protected species of wildlife as well as plants in the area. Our work is planned carefully, and we work with statutory authorities to ensure all activities are carried out according to legislation.

There has already been a lot of work on site to construct mitigation on the river banks to ensure that the wildlife using the river is kept separate from the work on site.

We will share more details in future issues including our landscaping plans.



Safety

Safety is our priority at all times.

If you visit our works compound, we ask that you follow the signed paths and be vigilant of any activities and moving vehicles.

Community engagement

We are already involved in projects and activities in the community including school presentations, mock interviews, and litter picking for the Great British Spring Clean.



Any questions?

If you have any questions or would like more information, you can contact the team using the details below:

✉ Email: sturrylinkroad@volkerfitzpatrick.co.uk

☎ Telephone: 07471 801722 (managed by VolkerFitzpatrick)

💻 Webpage: www.kent.gov.uk/sturrylink

If you have a specific issue you would like to discuss, you can come to the site compound in person, but please contact the project in advance to arrange a suitable day and time.

