

Badsell Road Paddock Wood Improvement Scheme

Project Update - October 2026



Construction gets underway

Construction began on the 7th September, with steady progress made during the first few weeks. Initial activities have included underground services and drainage investigations, alongside vegetation clearance to prepare for constructing the new Badsell Road alignment.

Key dates this month



30th September

Temporary traffic
management reduced



12th October

UKPN overnight work
begin



19th - 30th October

Badsell Road closure



Project Progress Update

This page provides an update on progress so far, including vegetation clearance, environmental measures and changes to the temporary traffic management arrangements. It also outlines the next stages of work and what to expect as construction progresses.



Vegetation clearance complete ahead of programme

Vegetation clearance has been completed ahead of programme, with all remaining works completed by the end of September. Ecological checks were undertaken throughout, including measures to protect dormice habitats and nesting birds.

The scheme also includes new tree planting to replace those removed as part of the works, along with a new hedgerow to provide habitat for dormice. Further details of the planting and landscaping proposals will be included in a future project newsletter.



Keeping traffic moving

Since construction began, the project team has monitored traffic queues, how quickly vehicles clear the junction and pedestrian crossing operation. This has helped the team assess how the traffic management can be adjusted as the works progress.

On the 30th September, the temporary signals changed from a four-way to a three way arrangement, removing the Mascalls Park arm from the signal sequence. The signals are also being manually controlled during peak times to help manage traffic during the busier periods of the day.

The lane closure on Badsell Road has now been removed, with the road open to traffic as the next stages of construction progress. These changes will help manage traffic safely while maintaining access to local areas and reducing waiting times for road users and pedestrians.



Looking Ahead

October will see the project move from initial site preparation into more visible construction, with work beginning on the new road alignment and improvements to local walking, cycling and junction facilities.

Preparing foundations



Following completion of the vegetation clearance, the team have begun to strip topsoil and prepare the ground for the new section of Badsell Road. Earthworks, drainage and the first stages of the new road and kerb line will begin to establish the foundations for the new alignment.

As the new road is being constructed offline, away from the carriageway, these works can progress while the existing Badsell Road remains available for two-way traffic, helping to reduce disruption.

UKPN diversion works



Works to remove the existing road surface and prepare the carriageway for the installation of UKPN ducting for new cabling within the Badsell Road Carriageway are due to commence on the 12th October. Due to the proximity of the works to the junction with Maidstone Road, they will need to be carried out overnight, between 19:00 and 05:00.

The works are currently scheduled to take approximately one week, although the team will aim to complete them as soon as possible. This will prepare for the installation of the new cabling and the subsequent removal of the overhead powerline crossing Badsell Road.

Improving Maidstone Road for pedestrians and cyclists

Works to improve the footpath along Maidstone Road between the Mascalls Court Road junction and Paddock Wood Fire Station are scheduled to commence from the 2nd November.

The works are being planned to minimise disruption to road users, with pedestrians temporarily diverted to the opposite side of Maidstone Road using a temporary controlled crossing. This approach will avoid the need for a lane closure on Maidstone Road.





Badsell Road Closure 19th - 30th October 2026



Maintaining Local Access

Access to residential areas and properties along Badsell Road will be maintained throughout the closure, with pedestrian and cycle routes remaining open. Properties west of Mascalls Park, including The Greenways and the new-build housing accessed from Morgan Way, will use the A228 to access Maidstone Road where required. Access to Mascalls Park will be phased during the closure, with access via Maidstone Road (B2160) during the first week and via the A228 during the second week. Sunnycot Cottage will retain vehicle access via Maidstone Road throughout the closure.

The section of Badsell Road, between B2160 Maidstone Road and Morgan Way, will be closed from Monday 19th to Friday 30th October. The closure will be continuous, including overnight and the weekend of the 24th–25th October, to complete BT diversion works near Mascalls Park that cannot be safely completed with the road open. This is planned during the October half-term, to minimise disruption. The closure will also allow the team to complete UKPN cabling works, removal of existing UKPN poles and overhead cables, and carry out other construction and drainage works. This will reduce the need for further closures later in the programme.

Diversion route

Diversion signage will be provided during the closure directing vehicles via the A228 Maidstone Road, A228 Whetsted Road and the B2160 Maidstone Road.

For full details, **visit the Latest Project Updates section of the project website**, where you can view the Phase 1 and Phase 2 diversion plans. This includes extent of the road closure and local access arrangements.



VIEW DIVERSION PLANS:

www.badsellroad.co.uk



Please note, the Foal Hurst Wood bus stop on Badsell Road will be temporarily suspended. Bus operators will provide customers with details of temporary arrangements ahead of the closure. If you have any questions, please contact your bus operator.



During the closure, the weight restriction on the B2017 Maidstone Road railway will be temporarily suspended to allow HGVs to use Maidstone Road to access Paddock Wood. ***The suspension only applies during the closure.***

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If you have a question or would like to get in touch with the project team, contact badsellroad@breheny.co.uk or call **07976 367359**, Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm.