Badsell Road
Paddock Wood
Improvement Scheme

Project Update - November 2026



The Latest from Badsell Road

The Badsell Road improvements are progressing, with construction activities helping to deliver a junction better equipped for the future needs of Paddock Wood. Following the completion of the planned road closure in October, work is continuing towards improved junction capacity and enhanced facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

Key activites this month

South East Water main connection works

Maidstone Road shared footway & cycleway improvements

Continued construction of the new Badsell Road alignment

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Project Progress Update

The October road closure provided the opportunity to complete essential utility diversions and roadworks safely and efficiently. With these activities now complete, attention has turned to the next stages of drainage, ground preparation and construction of the new road alignment.

Badsell Road closure works completed as planned

The closure provided a safe working period for essential utility diversion activities, including BT works near Mascalls Park and UK Power Networks (UKPN) overhead powerline diversions on Badsell Road. It also enabled the team to carry out planned road construction and drainage activities.

The opportunity was also taken to reconstruct a small section of road around the Mascalls Park junction, where the new surface needed to tie into the existing carriageway. Completing this work alongside the other activities has helped to avoid the need for a separate visit and minimise further disruption at a later date.



Drainage & earthworks

Work is progressing on the drainage infrastructure and ground preparation for the new road alignment, with offline earthworks now around 50% complete. This stage involves preparing and testing the ground before installing strengthening layers beneath the new road. These foundations are essential to providing a stable base for the road construction that will follow, helping to ensure the new alignment is built to the required standard.





Looking Ahead

As construction progresses, the focus over the coming weeks and in the run-up to Christmas will be on developing the new road alignment, completing further utility works and improving facilities for pedestrians and cyclists along Maidstone Road.

Building the new road alignment

Construction is progressing on the new section of Badsell Road, with ground preparation, drainage installation and work to establish the kerb line underway. The works will also include extending the existing culvert. The new alignment is being constructed away from the existing road, allowing the team to build the new route while keeping the current road open to traffic wherever possible. This approach helps maintain access through the area and limits the impact of construction on road users. We are also reverting back to the use of the existing signals when we can to keep traffic flowing.

Improving Maidstone Road for pedestrians and cyclists

Work to improve the eastern footway of Maidstone Road began at the start of November, with the overall programme expected to take approximately eight weeks, subject to progress. The improvements will create a wider shared footway and cycleway, providing more space for pedestrians and cyclists and making journeys along Maidstone Road more accessible and convenient. The upgraded route will benefit local residents and commuters, alongside pupils travelling to and from Leigh Academy Mascalls.



The works include preparing the ground, installing new edgings and strengthening layers, and laying the new shared-use surface. Crossing points will also be improved with tactile paving, alongside associated street-lighting and traffic-signal works.

Pedestrian access is being maintained throughout the footpath improvements, with temporary arrangements introduced as work progresses along the eastern side of Maidstone Road. Where sections of the footpath are being worked on, pedestrians will be directed to the western footpath using temporary controlled crossing points. Signs will be in place to guide people along the alternative route and help them safely navigate around the works.

South East Water utility works

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South East Water will be carrying out an overnight connection of a new water main on ***Wednesday 18th November (approximately 23:00-03:00).*** This will require a temporary single-lane closure on the approach to the Maidstone Road and Badsell Road junction, with temporary traffic signals in operation. The work will temporarily interrupt the water supply, with affected properties contacted directly by South East Water. The excavation and reinstatement works needed to complete the connection will take place during the day on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th November, between 9:30am-3:30pm, under the same lane closure.

Scan the QR code above to view the lane closure drawing, also available in the 'Latest Updates' section of the project website: www.badsellroad.co.uk.

Mascalls Court Rd: Extra Improvements

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In collaboration with Paddock Wood Town Council and Leigh Academy Mascalls, additional pedestrian improvements are being developed for Mascalls Court Road. These include a new signal-controlled Puffin crossing by the skateboard park, replacing the existing zebra crossings. The Town Council has made land available to allow the footway to be widened and make the new crossing possible. The scheme will also include replacement of the existing hedgerow. Together, the improvements will provide better pedestrian facilities, create more accessible connections along Mascalls Court Road and help relieve traffic queues on Maidstone Road.

Enabling works, including vegetation clearance, are ***anticipated in February 2027, during the school half-term*** and ahead of the main bird nesting season. This timing is intended to minimise the risk of disturbing nesting birds while reducing disruption during term time. The ***main construction works are then planned for the Easter holidays*** and are expected to require a temporary closure of Mascalls Court Road. Further details will be shared with the community ahead of the works.

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