

Longfield Road Improvement Scheme, North Farm, Tunbridge Wells

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Main Contract Awarded

The detailed design of the scheme is complete and six contractors were invited to tender for the works in March 2014. The assessment is now finalised and Lafarge Tarmac is the successful bidder and has been awarded the main contract to deliver the scheme.

Lafarge Tarmac are now mobilising their resources and will start work in the week commencing Monday 14th July 2014. They will establish a presence on site over the coming weeks with the set-up of their site compound, which will be located in the cul-de-sac end of Knights Park.

Highlights

- Main Contract Awarded
- Advance Tree and Vegetation Clearance Completed
- A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling Confirmed

Progress

- Advanced site and vegetation clearance was completed in May.
- Planning consent for relocation of 11 retailer advertising totem signs has been granted by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.
- Landowners who are dedicating their land have been given formal notification of our anticipated start on site in July 2014.

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Programme

- June 2014 - New Public Utility Services Work
- June 2014 – Mobilisation of Lafarge Tarmac for Main Construction
- July 2014 – Lafarge Tarmac Start Main Construction
- May 2015 – Main Construction Completes

New Public Utilities Work

- UKPN need to lay a new high voltage cable route between High Brooms and Pembury. They have now completed the ducting works through the section that affects the KCC Longfield Road scheme.
- New ducts are being laid along the north verge of Longfield Road from Knights Park towards the A21 for Virgin Media and BT in advance of the main road works.

Constructing the Scheme

Lafarge Tarmac will construct the scheme starting in the week commencing 14th July 2014. They will submit their contract programme to KCC for acceptance before they start. The programme will detail the sequencing of each stage of the works and the constraints of the contract such as the interface with the utility diversion works and the Christmas trading period.

Lafarge Tarmac will hold a stakeholder liaison meeting before they start work and more details of their proposed sequence of working will be shared with you then. Invitations to this event will be sent out when the details are confirmed.



A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling

The confirmed Statutory Orders were published on 23 May 2014 and the statutory challenge period ends on 4 July 2014. Subject to a satisfactory conclusion, the Highways Agency will then award the design and build contract. The provisional programme is to commence site clearance and advance environmental mitigation measures in autumn 2014 with a start on the main road works in spring 2015.

There will be an interface between the KCC scheme and the HA scheme at the east end of Longfield Road. KCC will continue to liaise with the HA to ensure that the design of this interface is optimised and that the construction programmes for the Longfield Road scheme and the A21 scheme are aligned as far as possible to minimise disruption.

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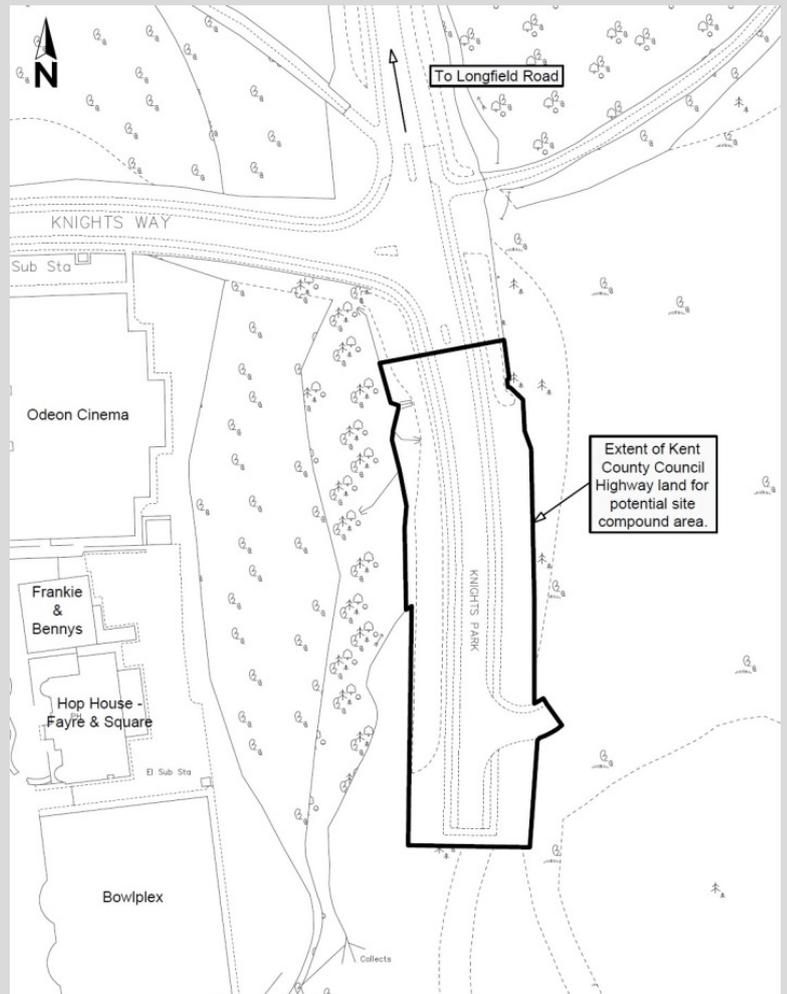
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Keeping You Informed

It is our aim to keep you informed of the works that will take place in Longfield Road over the next 10 months through the following means of communication:

- Lafarge Tarmac will hold a Stakeholder Liaison Event in the coming weeks before they start work. Invitations will be sent out when the time and venue are confirmed;
- Lafarge Tarmac will hold a public exhibition when the works commence. Details to follow;
- Lafarge Tarmac will appoint a dedicated Public Liaison Officer who will be on site to deal with any queries you may have;
- Lafarge Tarmac will provide a drop-in centre on their site compound for you to visit in person with any queries you may have;
- Regular newsletters will be distributed throughout the construction period to keep you informed of the progress of the works;
- Letters will be distributed to give you notice of when the next phase of work is due to start.

We hope to see you at the liaison events over the next few weeks but in the meantime, if you have any immediate queries, please contact the KCC Major Projects Team on the email address below.



Location of Lafarge Tarmac Site
Compound and Visitor Drop-In
Centre

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