

Lady Hamilton Junction, Queenborough

Changes to Road Layout Phase 2 November 2005 to January 2006

What is happening?

As part of the A249 Iwade Bypass to Queenborough Improvement Scheme, a new signal controlled junction is being constructed in the area around the existing Lady Hamilton Junction at Queenborough. This will connect the existing A249 and the new dual carriageway and provide access to Queenborough, Halfway and Sheerness.

What is involved and when will it happen?

We are trying to construct the new junction with the minimum impact on traffic flow on the existing A249. To achieve this, it is necessary to change the road layout in a series of phases. Phase 1 was undertaken in March 2005 to allow gas and electricity diversions to be carried out. Phase 2 will start on 28th November 2005. The works are anticipated to last 9 weeks, completed by the end of January 2006. Phases 3 and 4 will follow in early 2006 and completion of the new junction is expected to be in spring 2006.

Information about how Phase 2 will affect road users is in this leaflet. We will publish leaflets about Phases 3 and 4 in early 2006.

How does this work affect me?

For the duration of the construction works, the Highways Agency will use a series of traffic management systems to reduce the effect of its road works on the area.

These will include a new mini-roundabout, the installation of barriers around working areas and a short diversion route for traffic travelling to and from Queenborough and Rushenden.

All changes to the road layout will be clearly signed and there will be a temporary speed limit.

The section of the B2007 Main Road closest to the existing Lady Hamilton Roundabout will no longer be open to traffic, as it will be incorporated into the working area and become part of the construction site. The map of the works area overleaf shows how the change to the road layout will look.

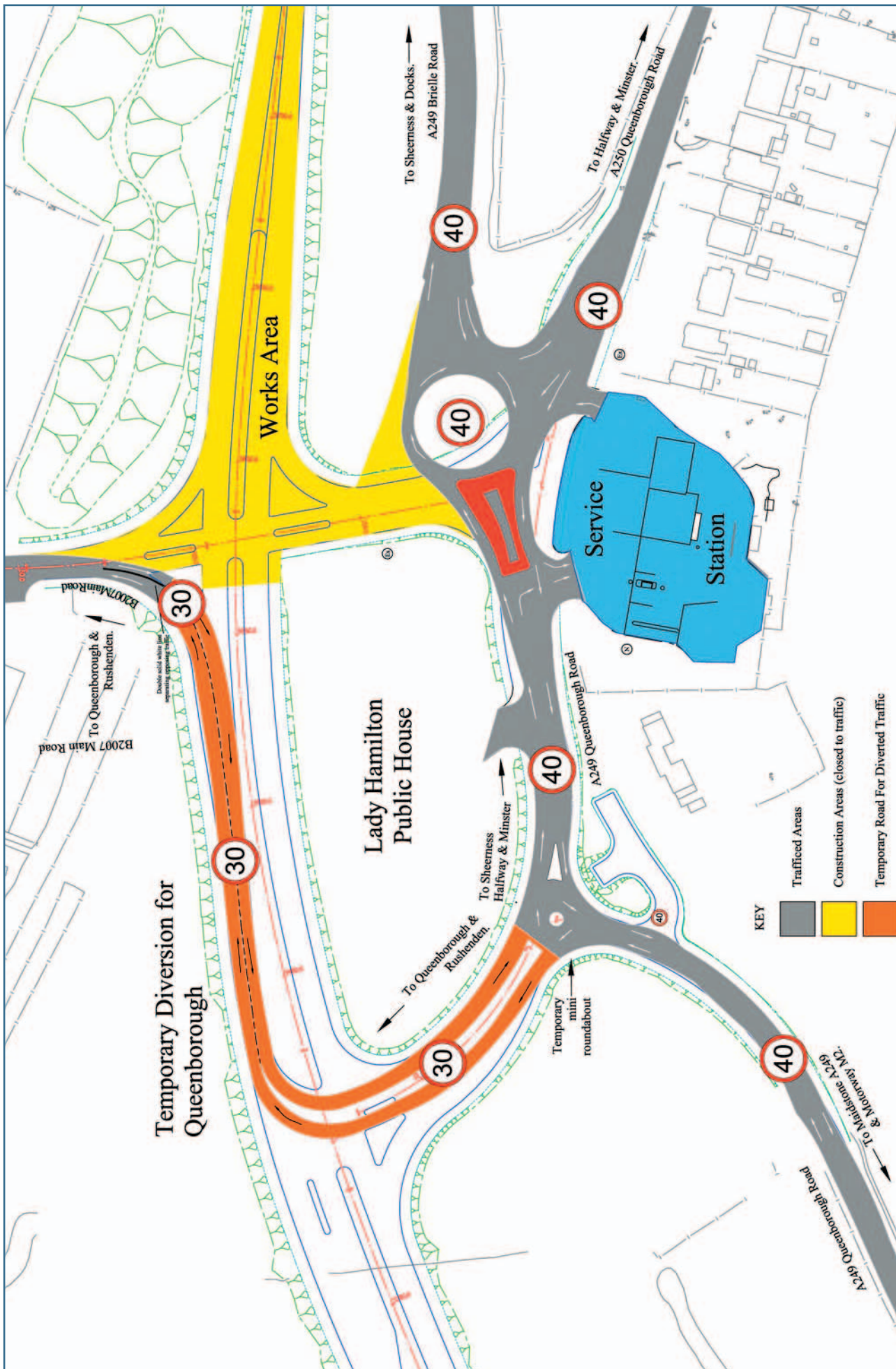
What will the diversion routes be?

Traffic travelling to or from Queenborough and Rushenden via the B2007 Main Road will be diverted around a temporary mini-roundabout onto a newly created section of road to bypass the construction area. A 30mph speed restriction will apply on the diversion route.

All other local traffic will be directed around the mini-roundabout to continue on its journey via a newly created section of road that runs parallel to the original A249. A 40mph speed restriction will apply on the A249 Queenborough Road and the A249 Brielle Way.

What precautions should I take?

The change in road layout means drivers will encounter a range of new road conditions on their journey. High visibility directional signs will be used to let drivers know what to expect, which direction to travel to their destination and what speed restriction applies on the road. Drivers should be alert for works traffic leaving or entering roadworks and workers in the road, and keep within the signed speed limits.



It is recommended that road users travelling through this area allow extra time for their journeys if possible. A 30mph speed restriction will apply on the diversion route. A 40mph speed restriction will apply on the A249 Queenborough Road and the A249 Brielle Way.

How can I find out more information?

The Highways Agency Information Line (HAIL) and Website will provide up to date information during the works.

For general Highways Agency information:

08457 50 40 30

or visit our website at:

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Driving through roadworks

If you do have to drive through roadworks, please take extra care.



- Keep to the speed limit - it is there for your safety
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not on the roadworks
- Keep a safe distance - there could be queues in front

- Get into the correct lane in good time - don't keep switching
- Be alert for works traffic leaving or entering roadworks
- Observe all signs - they are there to help you

Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.