

Galley Hill Road

Contractor Workshop Briefing Pack

5 June 2026



Scheme Overview

Galley Hill Road in Swanscombe was severely impacted by a landslide in April 2023, resulting in the loss of a key section of highway infrastructure and closure of the road. The scheme is being progressed by Kent County Council to develop a permanent engineering solution to reinstate the route, while addressing:

- Challenging ground conditions associated with the chalk spine
- Environmental constraints, including proximity to the Swanscombe Peninsula SSSI
- Complex access and construction logistics, including interfaces with HS1 infrastructure

Kent County Council is seeking a deliverable, maintainable and programme-compliant solution, with a target road reopening of March 2030.

Arcadis has been commissioned to undertake options selection and preliminary design, developing and assessing a range of solutions including bridge structures and reinforced earth options to identify a cost-effective and buildable preferred option to be submitted as part of a Structures Fund application.

Current Status

The project is currently at the options development stage and a preferred solution has not yet been selected.

Four viable options have been developed to conceptual level and are being assessed against technical, environmental, cost, programme, and constructability criteria. Contractor feedback is sought at this stage to inform the assessment and help ensure that the selected option is robust, deliverable, and aligned with industry best practice.

Workshop Details

- **Date:** 2 July 2026
- **Time:** 10:00 arrival with 10:30 start, 14:30 finish
- **Location:** Arcadis, 80 Fenchurch Street, London

Workshop Format

The workshop will consist of:

- Project overview and presentations of the options
- Structured discussion sessions
- Open Q&A
- Post meeting feedback to support Kent County Council and the design team

Attendance

To ensure effective participation, we kindly request that attendance is limited to a **maximum of two representatives per** organisation. Please confirm attendance to Sarah.tutt@kent.gov.uk and Sam.ford@arcadis.com by **26th June**. Please also confirm any accessibility or dietary requirements.

Information Pack

An information pack has been issued with this briefing including:

- Outline General Arrangement (GA) drawings for four shortlisted options
- A high-level options report summarising technical approach, key risks, and constraints.
- Written feedback form, to aid structured review of the proposals

We ask that attendees review the material ahead of the session to facilitate a focused and informed discussion.

Options for Review

Four shortlisted options are being taken forward for contractor input:

1. **Option 1** – Three-span bridge over retained chalk spine
2. **Option 2** – Four-span bridge over excavated chalk spine
3. **Option 3** – Five-span bridge over excavated chalk spine
4. **Option 4** – Reinforced soil solution (reconstructed spine)

These represent a spectrum from:

- **Maximising retained spine solutions** → lower excavation, higher geotechnical uncertainty
- **Excavating spine solutions** → higher construction impact, greater certainty
- **Reconstruction of (reinforced soil)** → no bridge, but wider footprint and material processing

Workshop Objectives

The purpose of this workshop is to test the practicality and deliverability of each option prior to final scoring.

We are seeking contractor views on the following:

- **Construction Methodology**
- **Temporary Works**
- **Logistics & Access**
- **Programme**
- **Land Take**
- **Material Handling**
- **Opportunities for Improvement**

Next Steps

Following the workshop:

- Contractor feedback will be incorporated into the option appraisal
- Assessment criteria will be finalised with KCC and TAA
- Options will then be scored under a CG300 multi-criteria framework
- A preferred option will be selected for progression to the next design stage

Procurement information

This Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) exercise is being conducted by Kent County Council (“KCC”) in accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Act 2023 to inform the potential future procurement of a Major Capital Project.

Participation in this engagement is entirely voluntary and does not constitute:

- A formal call for competition
- A pre-qualification process
- An invitation to tender or negotiate
- Any commitment by KCC to proceed with a procurement

No Commitment or Advantage

KCC makes no commitment to undertake any procurement arising from this engagement. Participation in this exercise confers no advantage or disadvantage in any subsequent procurement process. Any future procurement will be conducted in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023 and will be open, fair, and transparent.

Information

All information shared by KCC during this engagement is provided in good faith and for informational purposes only. It may be incomplete, indicative, or subject to change. Suppliers should not rely on this information when making business or investment decisions.

KCC accepts no liability for any costs, expenses, or losses incurred by suppliers as a result of participating in this PME.

Confidentiality and Transparency

KCC may use information obtained during this engagement to help shape the procurement strategy and documentation. This may include:

- Aggregated or anonymised insights
- Non-confidential feedback

Suppliers should clearly identify any information that is commercially sensitive or confidential. KCC reserves the right to share non-confidential information in accordance with transparency obligations under the Procurement Act 2023 and Freedom of Information legislation.

No Exclusivity

KCC reserves the right to engage with any organisation(s) and is not limited to those participating in this market engagement workshop.

Conflict of Interest

KCC will take appropriate steps to identify and mitigate any potential conflicts of interest arising from supplier participation in this engagement to ensure fair competition in any future procurement.

Organisations not participating in this process will be at no disadvantage during the procurement phase. The Council is committed to conducting any future procurement exercise in a manner where all interested parties are treated with fairness and on an equal basis; every effort will be made to preserve a 'level playing field' during any subsequent procurement process. A summary of findings from all market engagement activity will be made available to all tenderers during any subsequent procurement exercise.

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