

## Report for Information

**Report to** Norwich Highways Agency committee  
26 January 2012

**Report of** Head of city development services

**Subject** Major road works – regular monitoring

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### **Purpose**

This report advises and updates members of current and planned future roadworks in Norwich.

### **Recommendations**

That the committee notes the report.

### **Financial Consequences**

There are no direct financial consequences from this report.

### **Strategic Objective/Service Priorities**

The report helps to achieve the corporate priorities of a strong and prosperous city and the service plan priority to coordinate programmes to achieve best value.

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### **Background Documents**

None

## Report

### Background

1. Roadworks are a source of frustration and inconvenience to road users but they are an essential operation and need to be managed carefully to minimise their impact on the travelling public.
2. There are 2 main originators of roadworks; The Highway Authority and public utility companies. Norfolk County Council has a responsibility to improve and maintain the highway, while the public utility companies have a responsibility to provide and maintain their infrastructure, the vast majority of which is located under the highway. From time to time developers are also required to work in the highway, carrying out improvements to facilitate access to their developments.
3. The table attached as appendix 1 sets out the current works that are have been completed since your last meeting, are currently in progress or are planned for the future on the A, B and C class roads within the city. More detailed roadworks information is provided online via the electronic local government information network at <http://norfolk.elgin.gov.uk>
4. The more significant schemes are highlighted below.

### Finklegate

5. At the end of December 2010 Finklegate was closed to vehicular traffic when the road and some adjoining properties showed signs of subsidence. At the beginning of December 2011, following completion of all the necessary investigation works the road was re-opened in a one-way direction from Ber Street to Queens Road. It was not possible to re-open the road in both directions as the stricken building is still being supported by scaffolding.
6. The owners of the affected building are in the process of acquiring the necessary planning and conservation area consents for the demolition of the building. Once these are in place the building will demolished and the road can be fully re-opened. This process is expected to take several months.

### Utility works

7. In February BT will be starting an 8 week closure of Vulcan Road South to move an underground chamber, required by the construction of an entrance to the new KFC outlet on the ring road. The First Bus main Norwich depot is located on Vulcan Road south and this will cause them and the other businesses on the industrial site major inconvenience. Works in both the city and Broadland will be co-ordinated to ensure that the diversion routes are kept as clear as possible.

## **2012/13 Resurfacing programme**

8. Appendix 1 gives details of the provisional re-surfacing works programmed for the main road network next financial year. At this stage these are indicative, and the exact number of schemes will be confirmed when detailed designs and budget estimates have been prepared.

## **LED Signal Retrofit programme**

9. Norfolk county council are currently working on a programme of replacing all signal head aspects with LED units at all signalled junctions and crossings in the county. This will significantly reduce the power consumption of all traffic signals, and therefore the running costs. At each site it will be necessary to turn the traffic signals off during the switchover; at pelican and toucan crossings this is expected to take less than an hour, while junctions may take up to half a day depending on the complexity and number of signal heads. The work will be programmed to minimise disruption to traffic and consideration is being given to working on some of the major junctions in the city, such as Agricultural Hall Plain overnight.

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### Works in progress

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Expected completion	Remarks
Finklegate	City / Insurance company	Ground subsidence – Awaiting demolition of building	One way outbound restriction with a 7.5 tonne weight limit.	TBC	Full opening will depend on when the building is demolished.
Dereham Road / Barn Road	County	Provision of a bus lane on the approach to Barn Rd, the closure of St Benedict's and modifications to the junction	None affecting carriageway until Jan 2011, then lane closures & temporary pedestrian crossings	October 2011 through to March 2012	The junction is currently working under 3 way temporary lights.
Boundary Road / Drayton Road (ASDA) junction	County	Signal replacement programme	Three way temporary traffic signals with Drayton Road closed for final phase of works	10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2012	Closure of Drayton Road is required to enable the 3 way temporary traffic signals to be used, minimising delays on the ring road

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### Planned future works

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
Colman Road	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 (half term)	Scheme is confirmed
Vulcan Road South	BT	Moving an underground chamber	Closure of Vulcan Road south	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	Works necessitated by the construction of an entrance to the KFC site
Bull Close Road & Charlton Road	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2012 (Easter Holiday)	Provisional programme
Ketts Hill Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	9 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2012 (Easter holiday)	Provisional programme
Earlham Road / Farrow Road RBT	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	Provisional programme
St Crispins / Duke Street Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Provisional programme
Dereham Road / Wendene Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	30 <sup>th</sup> July to 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2012	Provisional programme
Barrack Street / Whitefriars Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	Provisional programme
Clarence Road	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	Provisional programme