

## Report for Information

**Report to** Norwich Highways Agency committee  
22 March 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.

## Vulcan Road South

5. On 21 February BT closed Vulcan Road South to move an underground chamber; work that was required by the construction of an entrance to the new KFC outlet on the ring road. The closure was planned to take 8 weeks. This has generated a significant number of complaints in the area and resulted in long delays for traffic using the Fifers Lane / Vulcan Road / Hurricane Way junction.
6. BT are making good progress with the work and it at the time of writing the report (12 March) it is anticipated that the road could be opened up to traffic exiting the industrial area within a matter of days, with a full re-opening following within a couple of weeks( ahead of schedule)
7. An oral update will be provided at your meeting.

## LED Signal Retrofit programme

8. 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 then 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.

### **Finklegate**

9. 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.
10. The building most affected by the subsidence is now in the process of being demolished. Once this is complete engineers will be able to properly assess what work is needed to be done to repair the carriageway. It is hoped that the full re-opening of the road will happen within the coming months.

## MAJOR ROADWORKS MONITORING REPORT

### 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.                                   |
| Vulcan Road South        | BT                       | Moving an underground chamber  | Closure of Vulcan Road south   | 20th Feb to 31st March 2012        | Road expected to be open to southbound traffic shortly.  |
| 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 | Works substantially completed, but some snagging works with the cycle facilities are required. |

### Works completed since January Report

| Location                                     | Lead Authority | Type of scheme               | Traffic management  | Expected completion                   | Remarks           |
|--|----------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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             | Completed on time |
| Colman Road                                  | City           | Resurfacing                  | Not yet known   | 13th – 17th February 2012 (half term) | Completed on time |

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### Planned future works

| Location                         | Lead Authority | Type of scheme | Traffic management   | Anticipated dates                                    | Remarks                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|------------------------|
| Ketts Hill Rbt                   | City           | Resurfacing    | Closure of Ketts Hill and Gurney Road, the ring road (Riverside Rd and Barrack Street to be kept open) | 2-5 April 2012<br>(Easter holiday)                   | Confirmed in programme |
| Earlham Road / Farrow Road RBT   | City           | Resurfacing    | Weekend closure of the roundabout – Access for emergency vehicles maintained                           | 14-15 April 2012                                     | Confirmed in programme |
| St Crispins / Duke Street Rbt    | City           | Resurfacing    | Not yet known  | 16 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <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  |
| Bull Close Road & Charlton Road  | City           | Resurfacing    | Not yet known  | tbc  | Provisional programme  |