

Report to Norwich highways agency committee
29 November 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.

Recommendation

To note the report.

Corporate and 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.

Financial implications

There are no direct financial consequences from this report

Ward/s: All wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Bremner – Environment and development

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Background documents

None

Report

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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 works 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.
6. Finklegate was reopened to all traffic , in both directions at the end of October.

Christmas embargo

7. Every year the highway authority and utility companies are banned from undertaking any planned works on the main road network, or on the majority of streets within the inner ring road, between Remembrance Sunday and the second week of January, the main Christmas shopping / sales period. The exception to this are emergency works that cannot be delayed, and works that have no affect on the free flow of vehicles or pedestrians.

Works in progress

There are currently no major works in progress due to the Christmas embargo

Works completed since last meeting

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Expected completion	Remarks
Finklegate	City	Ground subsidence	One way outbound restriction with a 7.5 tonne weight limit.	Early November 2012	Final repairs will start in early October and should be complete by 12 th November.

Planned future works

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
Dereham Road / Old Palace Road junction	County	Junction improvement works for the BRT scheme	Road closures on the side roads, lane closures	Jan-April 2013	.
Grapes Hill bus lane (subject to NHAC agreement)	County	Widening to accommodate uphill bus lane	To be agreed	April – June 2013	Will follow on after the Dereham Road / Old Palace Road works are complete.

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
St Benedict's Street	City	Resurfacing	One week closure	Feb 2013	
St Faiths Road	City	Resurfacing	To be agreed	March 2013	
Sweet Briar Road	County	Bridge repairs	To be agreed	July / August 2013	