

**Report to** Norwich highways agency committee  
22 January 2015  
**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

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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 two 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.

## Chapel Field North and St Stephens Street

5. The work to make Chapel Field North two way for buses and access and to remove general traffic from St Stephens Street was substantively complete on 7 November when the scheme formally came into operation. Works in Little Bethel Street were completed shortly after. The only outstanding works as part of the scheme is the upgrading and modification of the pedestrian crossing on Chapelfield Road at the junction of Vauxhall Street, including the resurfacing of the pathway outside Johnson Place. The crossing will remain closed throughout the works with pedestrian diversions via the Chapelfield Road crossing at the junction of Wessex Street, the Chapelfield Gardens underpass and Grapes Hill footbridge. There are off-peak lane closures on Chapelfield Road, Convent Road and Grapes Hill as part of the traffic management scheme. The works are scheduled to finish by 22 February 2015.

## St. Augustines St

6. Works are taking place to upgrade the speed tables on St. Augustines St, including the construction of a zebra crossing at the junction of Sussex St, with a closure in place until 19 January 2015 (however, the streetworks permit and TTRO are dated to finish on 25 January 2015 to allow for any overruns or inclement weather

## Push the pedalways programme

7. The design work for the majority of the schemes is nearing completion and work is due to commence on constructing the major schemes shortly. The first scheduled project is the Magdalen St contra- flow cycling scheme, due to commence on 26 January 2015 and finish on 12 April 2015. The traffic management will involve the closure of Magdalen St between Edward St and Bull Close Road, with residential and business access in and out from the south. A pedestrian through route will be maintained at all times. The proposed 20mph zone project is currently at the public

consultation stage which ceases on 9 February. This project will be considered at the next meeting of this committee.

### **National Grid upgrades**

8. National Grid Gas are currently in the middle of a program of gas main upgrades involving city centre locations including Bedford St, Exchange St, Dove St, Red Lion St and Westlegate. In the majority of instances, roads will be kept open, with closures overnight where possible to minimise disruption.

### Works in progress

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Due for completion	Remarks
Chapel Field pedestrian crossing	County	Highway improvement	Closure of Chapelfield pedestrian crossing, and some traffic management around Chapelfield roundabout	End of February 2015	Crossing may not need to be closed during all of works

### Works completed since last report

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Due for completion	Remarks
Gurney Road/Britannia Road	County	Push the pedalways scheme works to include resurfacing, tree removal & speed table installations	Road Closures	Completed 9 <sup>th</sup> December	

## Planned future works

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
Magdalen Street contra flow cycling scheme	City	Push the Pedalway	Closure of Magdalen Street between Edward Street and Bull Close Road	January to April 2015	Due to commence 26 January 2015
Tombland	City	Push the Pedalway	To be determined	April to June 2015	
The Avenues	City	Push the Pedalway	To be determined	April to July 2015	
Park Lane / Unthank Road	City	Push the Pedalway	To be determined	July / August 2015	