

Report to Norwich highways agency committee
27 November 2014
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

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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.

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 which are part of that scheme will be completed shortly.

Christmas embargo

6. 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 effect on the free flow of vehicles or pedestrians.

Push the pedalways programme

7. A report on the progress of the Push the Pedalway scheme is on this agenda. The design work for the majority of the schemes is nearing completion and work will begin on constructing the major schemes in the new year. At your next meeting a full programme of works will be included in this report.

Works in progress

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Due for completion	Remarks
Chapel Field North & St Stephens Street	County	Highway improvement	Closure of Chapel Field North and associated other measures	July – November 2014	Works are due for completion on 7 November

Works completed since last report

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Due for completeion	Remarks
Heartsease Roundabout	County	Resurfacing	A1042 (Heartsease Lane and St Williams Way) remain open. Plumstead Road, Plumstead Road East & Harvey Lane remain open,	27-31 October 2014	Plumstead Road and Plumstead Road East will be closed .

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 March 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	