

**Report to** Norwich highways agency committee  
24 July 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

Cabinet member: Cllr Stonard – Environment development and transport

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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 works are highlighted below.

## Better Bus and City Centre NATS measures

5. The work to introduce a southbound (uphill) on Grapes Hill that has been funded by the Department for Transports Better Bus Area grant has recently been completed.
6. Work has now commenced on making Chapel Field North two way for buses and access. This work involves a complete closure of Chapel Field North for approx. 10 weeks. The closure was implemented on 7 July and for the first few days major delays were experienced inside the city centre, as many drivers failed to take notice of the advance warning signs. The signing has been improved and drivers now appear to be taking alternative routes, lessening the congestion experienced.

**Works in progress**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Lead Authority</b>	<b>Type of scheme</b>	<b>Traffic management</b>	<b>Due for completeion</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Chapel Field North & St Stephens Street	County	Highway improvement	Closure of Chapel Field North and associated other measures	July – November 2014	Road closure should be lifted in mid September

**Works completed since last report**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Lead Authority</b>	<b>Type of scheme</b>	<b>Traffic management</b>	<b>Due for completeion</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Grapes Hill bus lane	County	Highway improvement	Lane closures	18 July 2014	Complete ahead of schedule
Riverside Road	National Grid Gas	Replacement of gas main	Various	13 June 2014	Although the gas works are complete NGG are yet to replace the pedestrian refuge that they removed.
Lakenham Road	County	Resurfacing	Road closure	23 - 27 June - 2014	Some remedial works may be required

**Planned future works**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Lead Authority</b>	<b>Type of scheme</b>	<b>Traffic management</b>	<b>Anticipated dates</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Ipswich Road between Tuckswood Lane and Locksley Road	County	Resurfacing	Two way temporary lights with side road closures	11-15 August 2014	
Sprowston Road	City	Drainage scheme	Road closure	4 – 24 August 2014	
Harpsfield & Chapel Break Road, Bowthorpe	County	Resurfacing	Partial sequential closures	1-5 September 2014	
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	