

Report for Information

Report to Norwich Highways Agency committee
24 May 2012

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Report of Head of city development services

Subject Major road works – regular monitoring

Purpose

This report advises and updates members of current and planned future roadworks in Norwich.

Recommendations

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

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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 schemes 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. The building most affected by the subsidence has now been demolished. Engineers are now 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.
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Works in progress

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.	TBC	All demolition works are now complete. The extent of the subsidence is being confirmed and a permanent re-instatement scheme will be prepared.

Works completed since January Report

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Completed	Remarks
Vulcan Road South	BT	Moving an underground chamber	Closure of Vulcan Road south	Mid March 12	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	March 2012	Works substantially completed, but some snagging works with the cycle facilities are required.
Ketts Hill Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Closure of Ketts Hill and Gurney Road, the ring road (Riverside Rd and Barrack Street to be kept open)	April 2012	Confirmed in programme

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Earlham Road / Farrow Road RBT	City	Resurfacing	Weekend closure of the roundabout – Access for emergency vehicles maintained	April 2012	Confirmed in programme

Planned future works

Location	Lead Authority	Type of scheme	Traffic management	Anticipated dates	Remarks
St Crispins / Duke Street Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	16 th – 27 th July	Provisional programme
Dereham Road / Wendene Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	30 th July to 3 rd August 2012	Provisional programme
Barrack Street / Whitefriars Rbt	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	6 th – 10 th August 2012	Provisional programme
Clarence Road	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	13 th to 17 th August 2012	Provisional programme
Bull Close Road & Charlton Road	City	Resurfacing	Not yet known	tbc	Provisional programme