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Dereham Road travel improvements – Project update

Longwater Lane to Grays Fair Improvement Works

A series of works in Costessey started in September 2023 to provide improved walking and cycling facilities on Dereham Road, from its junction with Longwater Lane to its junction with Grays Fair.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing patience during the works, and to provide you an update on the scheme.

The works on the existing pavement/verge on the north side of Dereham Road has been substantially completed as scheduled. However, due to some additional drainage and carriageway resurfacing work required at the Folwell Road junction, the current programme needs to be extended by 3 or 4 weeks into January 2024. As a result, the existing road closure at the Folwell Road junction will remain in place until this work has been completed.

A section of cycleway with a length of approximately 60m to the east of the Stafford Avenue junction that was due to be completed has been held up due to unexpected utilities works. The footway next to the proposed cycleway is now in place and open for public use.

Bowthorpe Travel Hub

The next phase of works will be focused on the Bowthorpe Travel Hub and associated works which will take place between Grays Fair and Gurney Road. These works will start on the 8 January 2024 and be carried out in phases through to July 2024.

Below is a brief overview of the current planned traffic management to ensure safe operation on site. There are a few additional elements of work yet to be programmed, such as carriageway resurfacing. Details for this will be confirmed at a later date.

Three Mile Lane - Road Closures

The existing road closure at Three Mile Lane will be extended to the end of July 2024. The diversion route continues to be via the Dereham Road roundabout. An additional road closure will be in place between the Three Mile Lane junction and the northern roundabout exit/island, from 8 January to 8 April (24 hours, 7 days a week). The

diversion route for this closure is via Three Mile Lane, Upper Breckland Road and Breckland Road.

Temporary 20mph Speed Limit

The current temporary 20mph speed limit in place between the Longwater Lane junction and Grays Fair junction will be extended until end of April 2024.

A temporary 20mph speed limit will also be required from Stafford Avenue to the west of the Norwich Road junction from 8 January to end of July 2024.

Dereham Road - Signalised Crossing

To accommodate the signalised crossing installation work, there will be a short period of overnight road closures required along Dereham Road, with dates to be confirmed at a later date.

Dereham Road - Bus Stops

The existing pair of bus stops at Breckland Road will be kept open for the early part of the programme. The city bound bus stop on the northside of Dereham Road will be temporarily suspended and a replacement will be installed slightly further east within the grass verge area near the existing service road.

Please check the bus service providers websites for updates on their services.

Dereham Road – Vegetation Clearance

The necessary vegetation clearance, tree trimming and removal works will take place before the end of February to prepare the site. A full replanting scheme will be implemented following the completion of the main works.

The timings above are subject to weather conditions and other issues that may affect the works programme. Access to properties will be maintained throughout.

Thank you for your patience while this work takes place. We aim to minimise disruption and complete work as quickly as possible.

For further information

Transport for Norwich - transportfornorwich@norfolk.gov.uk or Tel. 0344 800 8020.

Up-to-date information about roadworks in Norfolk is available on the County Council website at www.norfolk.gov.uk/roadworks

The Department for Transport (DfT) has awarded £32m of funding to TfN from the Transforming Cities Fund to deliver a range of schemes across Greater Norwich. More information can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/transformingcities



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