

ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE PROGRESS – CHORLEY: QUARTER 3 OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2013

Summary: Environment Directorate progress against delivery of the Commissioning Plan for Chorley in the third quarter of 2013/14

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□= Progress as expected
□= Progress not as expected
□= Issues identified
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CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 3

27 out of 31 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 3, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below. For details of the remaining schemes please see the 'Progress not as Expected' section adjacent.

Bridges

o Old Shaw Green Footbridge in Euxton (Chorley Rural West) – LCC are currently developing detailed construction proposals and are negotiating with the Environment Agency and land owners for consent to undertake the works. The progress of this scheme will be reviewed in guarter 4 2013/14.

A, B and C Roads

- Carriageway resurfacing works have been completed in the following locations Tithe Barn Lane, 120m south from Phillipsons Barn in Heapey (Chorley Rural East); Tithe Barn Lane (on the bend of the road for 60m north) in Heapey (Chorley Rural East); Chapel Lane from Higher Garstang Farm in Wheelton (Chorley Rural East); A6 Commercial Road from Junction Park Road to Water Street (Chorley East); A581 Southport Road from New Lane to Lydiate Lane (Chorley Rural West), and Highfield Road from Highfield House Farm to Sun Dial in Croston (Chorley Rural West).
- Carriageway surface dressing works have been completed in the following locations Blackburn Road from the M61 roundabout east approach (Chorley East); Riley Green Switch Road from Bolton Road to house number 39 (Chorley Rural North); Bolton Road from Railway Road to house number 34 (Chorley Rural East); Sandy Lane from M61 bridge to 100m east of Holt Lane in Brindle (Chorley Rural North); Bentley Lane from Barmskin Lane to West Lancashire Boundary (Chorley West), and Millennium Way from eastbound approach to M61 roundabout (Chorley East).

Rural Unclassified

Carriageway surface dressing works have been completed in the following locations – Runshaw Hall
Lane from Runshaw Lane to South Ribble boundary in Euxton (Chorley North); Brook Lane from A49 to the
end in Charnock Richard (Chorley West), and Pincock Street, from Pincock Brow in Euxton (Chorley Rural
West).

Urban Unclassified

 The Farthings estate in Astley Village (Chorley North) – permanent carriageway patching works have been completed.

Road Safety

 Seymour Street (Chorley East) – works to allow cyclists access through a road closure near the railway station have been completed.

Footways

o Footway resurfacing and slurry sealing works have started on site and are due to be completed during quarter 4 in the following locations - A6 Preston Road from Euxton Lane to Harpers Lane (Chorley West/Chorley East); Carlton Avenue from Back Lane to the end (Chorley North); Stonehouse Green/Meadway for the full length of the estate (Chorley Rural North), and Highfield Road North from house number 1 to 35 (Chorley West).

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14

A. B and C Roads

o Moor Road from Knowsley Lane in Anglezarke (Chorley Rural East) – carriageway surface dressing works have been completed.

Footways

o Footway resurfacing and slurry sealing works have been completed in the following locations – A6 Preston Road from Euxton Lane to Harpers Lane (Chorley West/Chorley East); Town Lane from A49 Preston Road Junction to outside house number 67 in Charnock Richard (Chorley West), and Bankside from the A6 to the end of the road (Chorley North).

Urban Unclassified

o Carr Lane from house number 147 to the end (Chorley South) – carriageway resurfacing and micro asphalt work has been completed.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 3 which have now been delayed

Road Safety

 A6 Hartwood Roundabout (Chorley East) – cycle path works have been reprogrammed to August 2014/15 due to a delay in completing the scheme design.

Footways

o Back Lane from the A6 to Carlton Avenue (Chorley North) – footway resurfacing and slurry sealing works have been delayed due to a housing development requiring a gas main line beneath the footpath. The progress of the scheme will be reviewed in quarter 4 2013/14.

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 3 2013/14 which have now been delayed

Bridges

- o Charnocks Railway Bridge on Church Lane in Charnock Richard (Chorley West) this will involve LCC funding a scheme which will be delivered by Network Rail. Negotiations with Network Rail to discuss the programme and progress of the scheme will be reviewed in quarter 4 2013/14.
- O Houghton New Railway Bridge on Houghton Road in Houghton problems with buried utilities have severely held back the progress of this scheme. The cost of re-locating the utilities is excessive; therefore an alternative strategy is being developed to safeguard traffic using this bridge. We have cancelled the proposal to extend the existing crash barriers and are now evaluating proposals to construct either stone walls or metal crash barriers at the back of the verges. The progress of this scheme will be reviewed in quarter 4 2013/14.

SERVICE UPDATE

Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	13/14 Target
Chorley										
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	97%	83%	98%	98%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	97%	97%	
Lancashire										
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	97%	94%	93%	90%

In 2013/14 the directorate has a yearend target of fixing 90% of potholes identified through Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) within a 30 day period. In Chorley 2,002 potholes were identified through HSIs between April and December 2013, of which 1,944 (97%) were repaired within 30 days, although all of the 2,002 potholes identified have been repaired.

Following the implementation of this new way of working, proposals for the revision of the defect maintenance indicator will be taken to the Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CCPI) for approval in June following the end of quarter 4 in March.

Environment and Community Projects Chorley Circular Walk

In late November 2013, the conservation volunteers started practical improvement works on the Chorley Circular Walk. The contractor, Conservation Contractors North West installed 30 steps down to Duxbury Wood and replaced a stile with a user friendly kissing gate. An artist was also commissioned to carry out sculpture works within Duxbury wood.

Chorley Borough Council and Lancashire County Council have agreed on four interpretation boards for the Chorley Circular Walk for the following areas; Leeds and Liverpool Canal, Duxbury Wood, Yarrow Valley Park and Chorley town centre.

Central Lancashire Highways and Transport Masterplan

Work is continuing on the programme to deliver the Master Plan and four of the schemes on the A582 corridor will start in 2014/15. In quarter 1 improvements to the Chain House Lane junction to increase capacity will be completed, and the conversion to dual carriageway of Golden Way from Cop Lane to the Ribble Bridge (partially funded by Department for Transport Pinch Point funding), will be undertaken. Following satisfactory progress and completion, the junction at Stanifield Lane will be signalised, and the remainder of Golden Way, south of Cop Lane, will be converted into a dual carriageway.

Trading Standards

Doorstep crime

Trading Standards officers prevented a vulnerable 89 year old man in Chorley in handing over £5,000 in cash to a rogue roofer. Ongoing work has safeguarded his remaining bank accounts from the various scam merchants who have been targeting him for the past year. Three mails sacks of scam mail have been removed from his house.