

Summary: Environment Directorate progress against delivery of the Commissioning Plan for Preston in the first quarter of 2014/15
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CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

8 out of 8 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 1, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below.

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2014/15 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 1

Footways

- **Footway inlay works have been carried out in the following locations** - Barry Avenue from Dunbar Road to Cresswell Avenue (Preston West); Browning Road from Ribbleton Avenue to House Number 4 (Preston South East); and Rydal Road from Ribbleton Avenue to the end (Preston South East).

Local Priorities Response Fund

- **Footway improvement works have been carried out in the following locations** - Basil Street from Harewood Road to the end (Preston Central North); West Park Avenue from Cottam Lane to West Park Lane (Preston North West) and St Vincent's Road from the school entrance to Merton Avenue (Preston Central North).

Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 1 2014/15

Flood Risk Management and Drainage

- **Highway Drainage Improvements (Preston Central North/South)** - works are complete and have included drainage improvements at Plungington Road and Ripon Street among other locations.

Bridges

- **Fishergate Railway Bridge (Preston Central North)** - this project will assess the load carrying capacity of the bridge. The bridge is owned by Network Rail and LCC are contributing to the assessment as Highway Authority. Network Rail are working with a company called Hyder to carry out the assessment which is 50% complete. The bridge is a complicated structure and has been modified heavily over the years. The progress of the assessment will be reviewed again during quarter 2 2014/15.

Preston Bus Station

A structural survey has been completed and is currently under review. The brief for a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the building is being drafted. Once finalised, and following consultation with English Heritage, the plan will be prepared by the county council. Feasibility and conceptual design work both for the building and its environment are continuing with a view to this helping formulate a final brief for the development.

Environment and Community Projects

Preston Guild Wheel - Designs were drawn up for initial residents' consultation at problem spots along Garstang Road and Riverside. Work started with anti-erosion and "bike-calming" measures at Boilton Wood. A bid has been submitted by Guild Wheel partners for an extensive landscaping project in the Sherwood Parks area.

Grange Park, Ribbleton - A draft design proposal for the redevelopment of Grange Park has been widely consulted on and the results will be used to produce the final plan proposal.

Preston Western Distributor

Design of a new dual carriageway road between the M55 near Bartle and the A583/A584 near Lea Gate to support delivery of the North West Preston strategic housing location and improve access to the Strategic Road Network from the Enterprise Zone at Warton is being developed. The road will also include a new full junction along the M55 between junction 1 and 3. Public consultation for the preferred route has been completed and an assessment of the responses is currently being undertaken.

Broughton Bypass

The Compulsory Purchase Order and Side Roads Order advertisement periods have now closed. Objections to the proposals have been received and we are currently awaiting a response from the National Transport Casework Team (NTCT), as copies of the objections have not been provided as yet, as the NTCT are seeking the permission of objectors to release the details. A date for the expected inquiry is also awaited, but is anticipated to be January 2015 at the earliest depending on the availability of an inspector. In the meantime an outline business case has been commissioned from Jacobs to support our application for £15m from Transport for Lancashire/Lancashire Enterprise Partnership.

Fishergate Central Gateway

Works are progressing well and new trees have been planted giving a good indication of what the scheme will look like once completed. They will help to provide a pleasant environment along with new benches and pedestrian signs. We are currently preparing the legal orders to deter footway parking and erecting the signing for the loading only bays. There has been a delay in the delivery and erection of the newly sited bus shelters causing a delay in progressing the footway works around the current bus stop locations and the scheme is currently programmed for completion in October 2014.

Preston Railway Station Forecourt - We have been working closely with Virgin Trains and Network Rail and we will be improving the forecourt at the front of the Railway Station to match the materials in the new shared space which will improve first impression of those arriving into Preston by train. Works are due to start on site early September, lasting approximately 8 weeks, and will be completed well in advance of the busy Christmas period.

SERVICE UPDATE

Road and Street Maintenance Repair

2014/15	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	13/14 Target
Preston													
Monthly % of defects filled within 20 working days	98%	98%											90%
Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days		98%											
Lancashire													
Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days	94%	95%											90%

Between April and May 2014/15, a total of 1,174 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) or reported by the public in Preston. 98% of these defects were repaired within 20 working days.

Trading Standards

Hajj Project - Hajj falls between 1 and 7 October this year. Trading Standards are aware that some travellers pay money over to operators who then fail to deliver on bookings or acceptable travel and accommodation arrangements. This year the service is working with councillors, the community, the police and reputable businesses to ensure that those undertaking the Hajj have access to information which will help them make the best choices and avoid the pitfalls and problems we have seen in previous years. Leaflets and posters have been produced and will be distributed to shops and mosques in the Preston area, a press release has been sent with more publicity planned, and arrangements to speak to the community at events and on the radio are being organised.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

- **Cyclist and pedestrian improvements on the gateway of London Road to encourage joint use** - three toucan crossings at the junctions of Clitheroe Street, Primrose Hill and Queen Street have been completed including footway/cycleway widening on Queen Street along with some sign rationalisation work. Design work is continuing on three sections, Frenchwood Avenue to Queen Street; Queen Street to North Road; and North Road to Marsh Lane.
- **North Road/Ringway junction modernisation** - design work for the modernisation of the North Road/Ringway and have started. The works will include improvements to the signals and crossings at the junction, and will be finished with high quality granite paving complementing the materials used at the junction of Corporation Street and Friargate.
- **Preston Rail Station cycle link, Preston rail station** - we are working with Network Rail to provide a link for cyclists through to Avenham Park. The negotiations are to agree the replacement of the existing Bailey Bridge and complete the cycle path through to the Fishergate Centre and Railway station.
- **Preston, South Ribble cycle signing** - Signing of the network of cycle paths linking Preston and South Ribble is being improved. The first phase of the scheme has been implemented. The remaining signs will be erected as new cycle paths are open. All signs should be erected by the end of 2014/5.

Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvements

Preston is the focus of 3 of Lancashire's Community Rail Partnerships. The Community Rail in the City event took place at Preston station on Wednesday 21 May and was very successful.

□ = Progress as expected
□ = Progress not as expected
□ = Issues identified
□ = Information