

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

All 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**

**Local Priorities Response Fund**

- **Bridleway from Turn Pike to Burnley Road East (Rossendale East)** – surfacing works have been completed in the area.

**Bridges**

- **Ewood Bridge on Blackburn Road (Rossendale West)** – an inspection is planned to take place in quarter 2 2014/15 to investigate whether damp patches caused by a broken sewer pipe have dried out. If this is the case the last patch of pointing to the bridge arch can be scheduled.
- **Hodge Clough on Helmshore Road (Rossendale South)** - a scheme has been developed and the construction phase is being brought forward to prevent further slippage of the highway. LCC is currently in negotiations with the land owner and aim to programme works during quarter 2 2014/15 once consent has been received.

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

**Flood Risk Management and Drainage**

- **270 Burnley Road East (Rossendale North)** - the installation of a drainage inspection chamber and associated connections has been completed.
- **Boltons Mill, Cowpe Road (Rossendale East)** - the long standing flood mitigation project is progressing as expected and a scheme solution has been identified. The project will now start in January 2015 in agreement with the home owner concerned.

**Road Safety**

- **Newchurch Road in Stacksteads (Rossendale East)** – extensive consultation is underway for works involving speed reduction, bend awareness, footway widening, and signs and markings. Designs are now being amended as a result of comments received from the consultation and the progress of the scheme will be reviewed during quarter 2 2014/15.

**Environment and Community Projects**

**Rawtenstall to Rochdale Valley of Stone Greenway** - Progress continues to be made on developing the plans and designs for the Rawtenstall to Rochdale Greenway. We have identified the Britannia Greenway and Future's Park sections as the priorities and once the capital funding is made available we shall proceed with programming of the works for construction.

**Adrenalin Gateway** - Over the next quarter we will be proceeding with the request for the design and build of some new pump tracks on Rossendale Borough Council land at Whitaker Park and Edge Side Park.

**Scout Moor Wind Farm Expansion** - Over the coming quarter we will be responding to the plans for the expansion of the Scout Moor Wind Farm. In particular we will be looking at the potential impact of the development on access and tourism in the area, and ways in which should the development go ahead any potential benefits can be maximized.

**Bacup Town Centre**

The centre of Bacup is to be remodelled as part of a successful Heritage Lottery Fund bid. The scheme is part of a £2 million Townscape Heritage Initiative, which is a five-year programme that will focus on improvements to property, training opportunities and community activities.

The scheme will be carried out in partnership with the Heritage Lottery Fund, Rossendale Borough Council and Lancashire County Council. The Board commissioned Planet-ie and urban design experts Hamilton Baillie Associates, to design and advise on a scheme for the renewal of the town's streets. The scheme will focus on the historic crossroads in the centre of Bacup, which will include St James Street, St James Square, Burnley Road, Yorkshire Street, Market Street and the entrance to Lane Head Lane. There will be a significant change to the junction in this area with the existing gyratory system being removed to help traffic flow more freely. Existing street surfaces will be replaced with materials keeping with the character of the surrounding buildings, with different colours and textures used to emphasis routes for traffic and pedestrians. The proposed designs also aim to accommodate more on-street activity such as stalls, fairs and street cafes.

The vision for the project is to use measures to create areas that are less dominated by traffic and friendlier for pedestrians. The result will be a 'shared space' with fewer barriers and better pedestrian links between key parts of the town centre. Rossendale Borough Council are currently inviting comments to be submitted over the summer period on the proposed plans via the [www.bacupthi.org.uk](http://www.bacupthi.org.uk) website.

**SERVICE UPDATE**

**Road and Street Maintenance**

| 2014/15   | Apr  | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | 13/14 Target |
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| <b>Rossendale</b>                                     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |              |
| Monthly % of defects filled within 20 working days    | 100% | 99% |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 90%          |
| Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days |      | 99% |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |              |
| <b>Lancashire</b>                                     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |              |
| Cumulative % of defects filled within 20 working days | 94%  | 95% |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 90%          |

Between April and May 2014/15, a total of 1,488 highway defects were identified by regular Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) or reported by the public in Rossendale. 99% of these defects were repaired within 20 working days.

**Rawtenstall Bus Station**

A preferred location following consultation for the new bus station on Bacup Road has been selected and detailed design work started during quarter 1 2014/15 with planning consent likely to be applied for in quarter 3 2014/15. We continue to work closely with the development partner, Barnfield Construction and Rossendale Borough Council.

**Trading Standards**

**Eastern European Foods from Eastern European shops** - There is a growing number of eastern European shops opening around the county. The shops often stock goods which do not comply with labelling requirements and are in another language other than English. Samples will be taken and checked for compliance with labelling rules, and any compositional or nutritional checks will be made. In Rossendale 11 samples were taken in quarter 1 in support of this work.

**M65 Gateway Study**

To ensure that the M65 continues to support the East Lancashire economy effectively, this study will investigate what may be necessary to improve capacity, reliability and safety between Junctions 2 and 6, and when such works might become necessary. It will also consider the parallel A6119/A677 route to the north of Blackburn, which provides a crucial link to the Enterprise Zone at Samlesbury and the M6 at Junction 31. The study will commence in the autumn and be completed by the end of March 2015.

**M66 Gateway Study**

This study is examining the importance of enhanced connectivity on the M66 corridor to Rossendale and the rest of East Lancashire. It will also identify the best way to achieve enhanced connectivity if there is demonstrable evidence that investment will deliver significant wider economic benefits for East Lancashire, and Rossendale in particular. The principal objective of the study is to develop a 'Conditional Output Statement' setting out what East Lancashire, and Rossendale require of the transport network in support of growing its economy.

The study is not restricted to elements of the transport network which Lancashire County Council is responsible for, and it includes the Strategic Road Network and relevant routes into Manchester city centre, the 'Metrolink' line between Bury and Manchester Victoria, and the national rail network between Rochdale and Manchester Victoria. The study will include an assessment of connectivity and its economic value, capacity, performance, journey quality, access to the network and links to growth centres and airports, and identify any existing constraints that the county council working with local partners may need to address.

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