

St Augustine's Gyratory Scheme Newsletter

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Welcome

Norfolk County Council and our partners the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP), May Gurney and Norwich City Council welcome you to the eighth issue of the St Augustine's Gyratory Scheme newsletter.

Each issue will update you on progress and let you know what's next in the programme, including traffic management arrangements. Work, being led by May Gurney as part of the County Council's Environment, Transport & Development Partnership, started early in January and is expected to last until Christmas 2010.

Scheme progress : September – mid November

St Augustine's Street was temporarily closed to general traffic on 5 July. **Businesses are open as usual** and access for residents and pedestrians has been maintained during the works.

National Grid have now completed their works to replace the gas main that runs along the street, making a number of areas available so that works can be progressed.

Kerbing and paving works are nearing the southern end of St Augustine's Street, whilst the carriageway has been repaired and resurfaced as far as Esdelle Street. Work has begun laying the blocks in the carriageway to form the new raised table between Esdelle Street and Sussex Street.



The landscaped area outside the Wallace King store, which is nearing completion

Paving works outside the Wallace King store and works to upgrade traffic signal equipment at Magdalen Gates are nearing completion, whilst work to upgrade equipment at Magdalen Close and Edward Street is also progressing well. These three crossings are now operational and tactile paving work will be completed over the next few weeks.

Works to construct a new traffic island at Waterloo Road/Magpie Road is now complete.

Arrangements for Traffic : 18 November to 27 November

St Augustine's Street is due to reopen to traffic on 18 November, with road users able to use the one-way road for northbound movements. **The full gyratory system will not be in operation until 27 November, to allow further work to be carried out.**

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Arrangements for Traffic : 18 November to 27 November (Continued)

Between 18 November and 27 November, traffic entering the City from Aylsham Road will continue to use Magpie Road, Esdelle/Edward Street, the new link road and Pitt Street towards St Crispins roundabout. With northbound traffic using St Augustine's Street, Esdelle/Edward Street will become one-way southbound. Traffic leaving Anglia Square surface car parks will proceed to St Crispins roundabout before travelling toward the City; traffic heading north will need to travel around the roundabout, along Pitt Street and onto St Augustine's Street.

The stretch of Magpie Road between Aylsham Road and Esdelle Street will continue to operate as two-way, but **Waterloo Road will be closed for City bound traffic between Starling Road and Magpie Road**. Traffic using this route will be diverted along Starling Road.

Permanent Operation of One-Way Traffic Gyratory System : Beginning 27 November

On 27 November, the new traffic gyratory system will be in full operation, although work will be continuing and some sections may be temporarily narrowed. The new permanent traffic signals at St Augustine's Street/Aylsham Road junction will be in operation and Magpie Road will become one-way from Aylsham Road to the junction with Esdelle/Edward Street. City bound traffic on Waterloo Road will turn left onto Magpie Road to join the gyratory. The temporary mini roundabout will be replaced by a new traffic island, initially defined by cones, whilst the one-way system which has been operating between Leonard Street and Esdelle Street will cease operating and new bollards will be installed in their new locations.

The scheme will be completed before Christmas, subject to weather conditions, but it will be several weeks before it reaches optimal performance for all road users. This is because traffic patterns will take time to settle down and the new traffic signals cannot be immediately linked to the responsive city-wide computerised traffic control system. It is likely to take several weeks to establish the best traffic signal timings.

Future programme of works

To minimise disruption as much as possible during the construction of the scheme, the works have been programmed in five phases. Works to complete the paving on St Augustine's Street and the traffic island and pedestrian crossings at St Augustine's Street/Aylsham Road junction is currently progressing well. A summary of the remaining phases is as follows:

Phase 5a : 18 November to 27 November 2010

Construction of right turn lane from link road to St Augustine's Street, construction of remaining traffic islands, including traffic signals at Pitt Street. Landscaping works to commence.

Phase 5b : 27 November to Christmas 2010

Construction of shared footpath on Edward Street and remaining island and landscaping works.

Where you can find further information

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