

St Augustine's Gyratory Scheme Newsletter Mid November 2010 – Mid January 2011

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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 ninth 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 2010 and was substantially completed prior to Christmas 2010. The remaining work is expected to be completed by the end of January 2011, subject to weather conditions.

Scheme progress : Mid November 2010 – Mid January 2011

St Augustine's Street was reopened to general traffic on 18 November, with road users able to use the one-way road for northbound movements. The full traffic gyratory system was in full operation on 27 November, with some sections of carriageway temporarily narrowed whilst the remaining work was undertaken.

Kerbing and footway paving works on St Augustine's Street were substantially completed before the cold weather slowed progress, along with work laying the blocks in the carriageway to form the new raised table between Esdelle Street and Sussex Street. The last area of carriageway has been repaired and resurfaced at the southern end, and the loading bay constructed outside the opticians. Work to construct a new traffic island at St Augustine's Street/Aylsham Road is now almost complete, with the new signal controlled crossings in operation, whilst work to upgrade traffic signal equipment at Magdalen Gates, Magdalen Close and Edward Street is complete, and new tactile paving has been installed at all three crossings.

It had been hoped that the scheme would be completed before Christmas. Unfortunately adverse weather and low temperatures meant that this was not possible. Despite the weather, some work, which included adjusting and making good around manhole covers, signing, traffic signals works and a small amount of paving, was completed.

The new traffic gyratory system is working well, however 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. To determine if there are any adverse issues resulting from the scheme, post-scheme traffic monitoring will be undertaken in April.

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Photographs of the scheme nearing completion



Future programme of work

The remaining work, which includes construction of a shared pedestrian footway/cycle track on Edward Street and remaining traffic island and landscaping works, is expected to be completed by the end of January 2011, subject to weather conditions.

This will be the last newsletter issued for the scheme. Norfolk County Council and our partners the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP), May Gurney and Norwich City Council would like to thank road users and residents for their patience during the construction of this large and complex scheme.

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