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The following paper was submitted by the Clerk to the Parish Council at its meeting of 16th October 2024

Agenda Item 6e: To receive an update on works to be consider in Thurston under s278 and s106 agreements.

Email of 4th October – from Department of Growth, Highways and Infrastructure @ Suffolk County Council. Summary of the various works planning for Thurston and status of these. This is aimed at providing clearer visibility of what is expected, by when and who is responsible for delivery.

There are a number of interventions planned, these are mostly to be delivered by developers with Suffolk County Council responsible for approving the drawings and inspecting the construction before adoption. The three schemes that Suffolk County Council will be delivering through the outstanding s106 funding only relates to Bunbury Arms junction and the Public Rights of Way Improvements.

Given the complex nature of co-ordinating works, the expected delivery dates are the best estimate at this stage and, as with any construction, will be subject to change to take into account any unforeseen circumstances, for example, weather.



Location	Responsible Party for Delivery	Funding	Status	Expected Delivery
Norton Road – Zebra Crossings	Suffolk County Council	S106	All completed	Completed
Speed Limit Extensions – Various across village	Suffolk County Council	S106	All completed	Completed
Fishwick Corner	Developer	Developer – S278	Works currently being carried out on site	Completion mid-November 2024
Pokeridge Corner	Developer	Developer – S278	Technical Approval given – waiting on signed legal agreement	Programmed to start in Spring 2025
Bunbury Arms Junction	Suffolk County Council	S106	In design stage.	2025/2026 financial year
Railway underbridge Between Barton Road and Beyton Road	Developer	S278	Creation of mini roundabout at Beyton Road junction and pedestrian improvements on existing footway. Drawings have been approved – waiting on signed agreement. Works to be co-ordinated with others on the network.	Expected Summer 2025.
Public Rights of Way Improvements – adjacent to Mount Road	Developer and Suffolk County Council	Developer - S38/S278 and SCC S106	Two elements, cycleway and bridleway creation. Developer responsible for delivery, with SCC undertaking creation order. Works yet to commence, funding expiry 2033	Works not programmed. Expected 2025/2026
Fishwick Corner junction to rail bridge – improved surface	Suffolk County Council	S106	Works to be designed and programmed	Summer 2026

link for pedestrians and cyclists				
Norton Road/Ixworth Road Junction Improvements	Developer	Developer – S278	S278 as part of the Land East of Ixworth Road, Thurston – at present, liaising with the developer’s consultants on the detailed design	Reserved Matters still in Planning so currently unknown
The Railway Platform Accessibility	Network Rail	CIL	CIL funding to identify improvements to cross-platform movements. Led by MSDC supported by Suffolk County Council	Unconfirmed
Station Hill, Pedestrian Crossing	Developer	Developer – S278	Not currently identified	N/A
The railway overpass, Thedwastre Road	N/A	N/A	This location has not been flagged as requiring any improvements as a result of development, therefore no work currently being considered	N/A
Ixworth Road Surface	Suffolk County Council	SCC	This road will continue to be monitored in accordance with SCC’s Highway Maintenance Operational Plan (HMOP) and any works undertaken as required	As required

SCC would also like to take this opportunity to highlight that SCC will be undertaking close liaison with the developers throughout the process, including during construction. At Fishwick Corner for instance, there will be regular sweeping of the carriageway to ensure there is not a build-up of mud on the roads. If more frequent sweeps are required, these will be undertaken in line with requirements. This will apply for all construction sites. Operational plans will be discussed with each site to manage construction traffic in line with any planning requirements.

SCC gave stated that they appreciate that as a result of development, traffic movement patterns will change as a result of construction. They will work with developers and the planning authority to manage issues that may arise. Specific queries relating to this can be raised directly with the team at Highways.DevelopmentControl@suffolk.gov.uk

Email of 30th September – from Department for Growth, Highways and Infrastructure @ Suffolk County Council.

Update on information that SCC has been provided with from Bloor Homes, the developer providing the Fishwick Corner junction improvements.

25 October to 18 November – road closure of Fishwick Corner in phases to connect the new road into existing and complete surfacing. Programmed finish is anticipated for the 22 November.

SCC confirm that all traffic management has been agreed with SCC as appropriate for the works in question, and they will continue to liaise with the developer and their contractor as these improvements progress. All of the above is of course subject to favourable weather conditions.