

ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE PROGRESS - RIBBLE VALLEY: QUARTER 4 JANUARY - MARCH 2014

Summary: Environment Directorate progress against delivery of the Commissioning Plan for Ribble Valley in the fourth quarter of 2013/14

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= Progress as expected
□= Progress not as expected
□= Issues identified
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CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

2013/14 CAPITAL PROGRAMME END OF YEAR SUMMARY

44 schemes (80%) of Ribble Valley's capital programme planned for delivery in 2013/14 were completed. The capital works for 9 schemes are ongoing.

An update for these 9 schemes is detailed on the reverse

PROGRESS AS EXPECTED

2013/14 Capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 4

16 out of 24 capital schemes, due for delivery in quarter 4, have either been completed or are progressing as planned, and are detailed below. For details of the remaining schemes please see the 'Progress not as Expected' section.

Bridges

- Shaw Brook Bridge on Pendle Road in Clitheroe (Ribble Valley North East) – the bridge study is complete.
- o Principal Bridge Inspections have been completed in the following locations Edisford Bridge on Edisford Road (Ribble Valley North East); Burholme Bridge on Dunsop Road (Longridge with Bowland); Doeford Bridge on Chipping Road (Longridge with Bowland); Hodder Lower Bridge on Whalley Road (Longridge with Bowland); Rimmington Bridge on Rimmington Lane (Ribble Valley North East) and Sykes Farm Bridge on Losteroadale Brook (Longridge with Bowland).
- Sykes Cottages Bridge, Marshaw Wyre (Longridge with Bowland) the planned study is complete and no further work is planned for 2014/15.
- o Higher Whitewell Farm Bridge on Dunsop Road (Longridge with Bowland) preliminary design work is complete. Further work will be carried out during 2015/16 depending on district priorities.

Flood Risk Management and Drainage

 Flood mitigation works have been carried out in the following locations - Primrose Business Park (Clitheroe), and Northcote Road (Ribble Valley South West).

<u>Capital schemes carried over from previous quarters for delivery in</u> quarter 4 2013/14

Road Safety

 Chipping St Mary's and Brabbins Endowed Primary School (Longridge and Bowland) - footway surface improvement works are complete.

Bridges

- Painter Wood Bridge on Whalley Old Road (Ribble Valley South West)

 an options report into the potential works required to the retaining wall will be completed during quarter 1 2014/15. There are currently no immediate plans to do any site works at this location.
- Clitheroe Station Railway bridge on Parson Lane (Clitheroe) strength calculations are complete and we are awaiting approval from Network Rail to book possession of the railway in order to schedule the repair and maintenance works. Progress will be reviewed in quarter 1 2014/15.
- Hydes Bridge on Hallgate Hill (Longridge with Bowland) the design element of the works is complete and preparations are being made to carry out construction works during quarter 2 2014/15.
- Pinder Hill Bridge (Ribble Valley North East) the majority of the design work is complete. The designs are expected to be finalised during quarter 1 of 2014/15.

PROGRESS NOT AS EXPECTED

2013/14 capital schemes programmed for delivery in quarter 4 which have now been delayed

Flood Risk Management and Drainage

- Accrington Road (Ribble Valley North East) initial investigations are complete and have revealed that further flood mitigation repair works will be required. These works will be programmed once the utility works in the area have been completed.
- Sydney Avenue (Ribble Valley North East) initial investigations have been completed and have revealed that further works will be required which have been programmed for quarter 1/2 2014/15
- Abbey Croft (Clitheroe) additional works have been identified in the area to take place during quarter 3 2014/15. To reduce the disruption in the area and for economies of scale both works will be carried out together.
- Wigglesworth Road in Tosside (Longridge with Bowland) initial investigations have been completed and have revealed that further works will be required which have been programmed for quarter 1/2 2014/15

A, B and C Roads

Whitewell Land Slip on Dunsop Road at Whitewell 100m adjacent to Laund Wood (Longridge with Bowland) - works required to address the landslip affecting the area are progressing after the Principal Geotechnical Engineer reported that the slip had stabilised following recent drainage works. The slip is being monitored continuously in order to develop a scheme to be delivered in quarter 1/24 of 2014/15.

Bridges

The following schemes are being managed by Network Rail who are yet to provide a programme of works. The progress of the schemes will be reviewed in quarter 1 2014/15 - Mickle Hey Bridge on Ramsgreave Road, (Ribble Valley South West) and Brownhill/ Pleckgate Railway Bridge on Pleckgate Road (Ribble Valley South West).

Capital scheme carried over from previous quarters for delivery in quarter 4 2013/14 which has now been delayed

Bridges

Downham Road Railway Bridge on Downham Road (Ribble Valley North East) – The framework consultant has identified additional works whilst carrying out the assessment for the bridge. The further works involve additional calculations and assessments in relation to the capacity of the bridge which is currently being carried out and due for completion during quarter 2 2014/15.

Environment and Community Projects

Traditional Boundaries

Over 1 km of hedges have been laid in traditional Lancashire and Westmoreland style on a number of sites in Ribble Valley. One of the most prominent is a roadside hedge at Great Mitton. The work has been undertaken by local people attending training events organised by LCC, together with a small proportion undertaken by contractors.

SERVICE UPDATE

Road and Street Maintenance: Pothole Repair

2013/14	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	13/14 Target
Ribble Valley													
Monthly % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99.7%	100%	97.2%	99.7%	100%	94.7%	96.8%	86.5%	97.8%	94.6%	93.6%	90%
Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	100%	99.7%	99.9%	98.6%	98.8%	99.1%	98.2%	97.9%	96.2%	96.4%	96.1%	95.9%	
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Cumulative % of potholes filled within 30 days	99.9%	99.6%	99.5%	99.4%	99.5%	99.3%	98.7%	97.8%	97.0%	97.1%	97.1%	97.2%	90%

In 2013/14, 97.2% of the potholes, identified through Highway Safety Inspections (HSI) across Lancashire, were repaired within a 30 day period. Therefore the 90% target was achieved. In Ribble Valley, 6,400 potholes were identified during 2013/14 by HSIs. Of which 6,139 (95.9%) were repaired within 30 days. Proposals for the revision of the defect maintenance indicator will be taken to Cabinet Committee for Performance Improvement (CCPI) for approval in June.

Trading Standards Consumer Support

A Ribble Valley resident complained about faulty patio doors installed at his property during January 2013. The trader had made several attempts to repair (draught, problems with closing and locking) but had failed to resolve the issues. Trading Standards contacted the trader to advise him of his legal obligations to remedy the problem. This resulted in the faults being rectified by the trader without the need for the consumer to take any further action.

Assistance was also provided to a resident from Read Village who had faulty guttering work carried out by a trader. The trader initially refused to assist the consumer but after Trading Standards intervention a partial refund was provided to allow the consumer to have the work rectified.

East Lancashire Rail Connectivity Study

This study started in March 2014 is examining the fundamental issue of how, or whether the rail network can contribute towards a positive transformation in East Lancashire's economic fortunes. In particular, the importance of enhanced connectivity between East Lancashire and the growth areas of Preston, Central Lancashire, Manchester, including Manchester Airport, and Leeds. The study, which is due for completion by the end of 2014, should assist the county council and its partners in making a strong case for future investment in East Lancashire's rail network through the next rail industry investment period covering 2019 to 2024.

Community Rail Partnership (CRP) Programme Improvements

Work continues to develop a series of station upgrades as part of a major scheme bid for the partial double tracking of the line between Bolton and Blackburn. Improvements will focus on real time information and new or refurbished shelters.



2013/14 RIBBLE VALLEY CAPITAL PROGRAMME: ONGOING WORKS

44 schemes (80%) of Ribble Valley's capital programme planned for delivery in 2013/14 were completed. The capital works for 9 schemes are ongoing

An update for these 9 schemes is detailed below.

Programme	Project	Treatment	Original Delivery Quarter	Revised delivery Quarter for 2014/15	Reason for Delay	
A, B and C Roads	Whitewell Land Slip - C477 Dunsop Road at Whitewell - 100m adjacent to Laund Wood	Repairs to highway embankment on	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Landslip has stabilised following drainage repairs. Area will be monitored to established appropriate solution.	
	RVPR010 A671 Accrington Road, Whalley		Quarter 4		Investigations are complete. Awaiting ongoing utility works in the area to be completed so that work is coordinated	
	RVPR009 Sydney Avenue, Whalley	Flood Mitigation Project	Quarter 4	Quarter 1/2	Investigations are complete and have revealed that	
Drainage	RVPR002 Wigglesworth Road, Tosside		Quarter 4	Quarter 2	further work is required.	
	Abbey Croft 'The Sands', Whalley	Dig down to find culvert and possibly extension to culvert	Quarter 4	Quarter 3	Additional works have been identified in the area which are to be combined with the current project and delivered simultaneously.	
Local Priorities Response Fund	Clitheroe Public Realm Scheme	Improvement to enhance the public realm in Clitheroe	Quarter 4	Quarter 4	Scheme slipped to 14/15 to enable an overall town centre regeneration project to be progressed.	
	Painter Wood Retaining Wall	Study - C545 Whalley Old road	Quarter 2	Quarter 1	Study is substantially complete and there are no site works planned	
Bridges	Downham Rly	C582 Downham Rd. Further assessment	Quarter 4	Quarter 2	Awaiting confirmation of the strength calculations.	
	Clitheroe Rly	B6243 Parson Ln. Further assessment	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Strength calculations are complete and we are awaiting approval from Network Rail to book possession of the railway in order to schedule the repair	

The bridges capital programme is made up of multiyear schemes therefore the following schemes from the original 2013 work programme will continue into 2014:

	Programme	Project	Treatment	Detail		
	Daildean	Mickle Hey Bridge	Natural Pail	Awaiting a works programme from Network Rail		
Bri	Bridges	Brownhill/ Pleckgate Railway Bridge	Network Rail			

Details of the scheme/s that have been cancelled / are to be reconsidered during a future year's capital programme:

Programme	Project	Location	Details			
	RVPR006 C571 Twitter Lane Bashall Eaves	Clitheroe	Schemes cancelled – to fund a drainage scheme that was a higher priority than the 2 projects it replaces, which are located on roads carrying significantly less traffic, and are affected less frequently. Schemes will be considered for a future years programme			
Drainage	RVPR008 West Lane, Downham	Downham				
	RVPR004 Shay Lane, Longridge	Longridge	Cancelled - scheme replaced by 2 other drainage schemes in Ribble Valley and will be considered for a future years programme.			