

## Report to Chichester City Council by Cllr Sarah Sharp, County Councillor for Chichester South

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- 1) Feedback from the public consultation on the public realm in Chichester City Centre can be read here: [4a42e8e7d927a0c2a2ebfa26d0ad221c\\_Consultation Summary for website.pdf](#)
- 2) There is only one location suggested for public ev charging points in Chichester but you can suggest others using this link:  
[Connected Kerb | West Sussex Charegpoint Network Residents](#)
- 3) West Sussex is keen residents take a look at this website to learn how to spot the signs of modern slavery so we can keep West Sussex safe from exploitation of any type: [Spot The Signs - Unseen](#)
- 4) One in five women and one in 11 men have been the victim of stalking. This website is a useful link to provide support and advocacy for the victims of stalking; [Vertitas Justice | Stalking advocacy and advice services](#)
- 5) **New Highways Contracts**  
New contracts have been signed with new contractors – Volker Highways for road repairs and FM Conway for drainage.  
This is a new 7-year contract. D&Bs / PCs will be able to use the contracts as there is a greater wish to work with communities.

### Road Repairs

Although the Inspection Manual will still be adhered to, which determines when interventions are required and the timescales for implementing them, the Highways officers are confident that they have a more robust approach to auditing and they are expecting added value from this new contract.

They are expecting increased service eg more weed control, the number of repairs has gone up from 36k to 49k per year.

### Drainage

Cyclical gully programme has moved from 4-year programme to 2-year programme. Every asset the county has will be cleansed at least once every 2 years.

WSCC have included CCTV provision with all 3 of their reactive jetters. This reduces the need for multiple visits (there was 1 CCTV crew on the old contract)

There are more opportunities to support community projects and work with schools

- Community Engagement Forums

- (Parish and Town Councils)

- Volunteering

- Supporting people back into work (NEETs)

- Supporting local employment

- Careers advice, work experience

- Apprenticeships

## **6) Local Safety Scheme on A259 Cathedral Way, Chichester**

West Sussex County Council is working on local safety works on the A259 Cathedral Way in Chichester from 21 March to 7 May 2025 between 7:30 am – 5:30 pm. This scheme originates from concerns raised regarding the number of road traffic collisions on the A259 Cathedral Way at the right turn lane into Fishbourne Road East. The works will involve: Introduction of 30mph on Cathedral Way, including the Westgate Link Roundabout (at Chichester College)

Adjust the northbound lane markings on the approach to Fishbourne Road East.

Improve the signing, particularly for southbound approach, to the Fishbourne Road East right turn lane (towards Tesco)

Replace section of verge in the central reservation with hard porous footway landscaping to maintain inter-visibility between northbound traffic and right turn traffic at the Fishbourne Road East junction.

From the Fishbourne Road East Junction going north change the northbound centreline markings with hazard warning lines.

Extensive vegetation clearance along this corridor.

Temporary lane closures with traffic management will be in place. There will be a minor overnight road closure towards the end of the works at some of the critical locations on the route. Alternative pedestrian and cycle routes will be provided where the works require temporary footway and cycleway closures.

## **7) LED lighting**

West Sussex County Council is entering the third and final stage of its three-year programme to change all traffic signals in the county from halogen to LED technology. The programme, which has already successfully converted 70% of the planned sites, will now focus on key areas in Chichester.

This map shows the key locations in Chichester where changes will be made: [West Sussex Highways Delivery Programme 2024/25](#).

Sites for upgrading include Market Road, Bognor Road junction with Whyke Road, Southgate, Terminus Road, Broyle Road, Spitalfield Lane.

This scheme will save carbon (11% of total traffic signals usage) and money (£44k per year across the county).

## **8) Route from the Free School**

Work is continuing with the volunteer group, the Greenway, to link Chichester to Selsey for people on bikes. (There is currently a footpath that runs from A27 through the Quarry and through the fields to Hunston but doesn't give access to the Free School.)

As part of this route falls in Chichester South I have been meeting with the landowners who own the 3 fields between the Free School and the village of Hunston. 2 of the 3 landowners have given their written agreement to dedicate their land to a bridleway thereby upgrading the existing public footpath. This would be helpful for the school children but also provide a link into the city of Chichester.

If we get agreement from the third landowner (the Church Commissioners) I will be returning to the City Council to ask for support for this important link. I will provide more information if appropriate in due course.

**9) Bognor Road build-up**

West Sussex have a design and road safety audit has been completed which raised a few issues but nothing that is a deal breaker.

Should be going out to contractors to quote very soon.