

A259 Major Improvement Scheme – Progress Update

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A259 Section 2 – Angmering Area:

Works on the Angmering section of the project have been predominantly based around the controlled pedestrian crossing points. As with all projects of this nature, third party and independent reviews are carried out once works are near completion. One such review identified some minor improvements to the layout of the central island crossing areas which were swiftly taken on board and the recommendations adopted. Once implemented, the final surface layer to the crossing points was installed and the traffic signals commissioned ahead of Easter weekend.

There are some final completion works along this section of work including the High Friction Surfacing, which is very weather dependent. These activities have been scheduled to be completed after the two-week Easter period and will be carried out during off-peak hours on day and night shifts over the next two weeks.



Figure 1: High Friction Surfacing being applied to the new dual carriageway outside Lowertrees on the lead up to the A280 roundabout.

A259 Section 1 – Wick Area:

Our planned closures from 25th March to 14th April have just come to an end and we have managed to complete all but the last few sections of High Friction Surfacing and a stretch of footpath surfacing. A section of temporary asphalt footpath was removed on Thursday 13th April and was due to be reinstated on the final shift of these nightly closures on 14th April however, persistent rain throughout Friday prevented this and the work will now be completed this week. The remaining High Friction Surfacing and footpath surface layers will be

ongoing this week where our aim is to be fully opened to 2-lane running on Friday afternoon, 21st April.

The pedestrian crossing at Toddington Park is fully commissioned and operational, whilst the signalised crossing point at The Body Shop Roundabout end of the scheme has remained on temporary lights until the footpaths have their final surface layer installed. We are also aiming to have the new permanent lights commissioned by Friday 21st April but are awaiting confirmations that this is possible.



Figure 2: New dual carriageway from Windroos Drive looking west.

Following completion of the works we will be carrying out a post-completion safety audit. There will be some further short duration works whilst we remedy any shortcomings identified by the audit and correct any defects that are identified over the coming year.

Further information regarding the scheme is available on West Sussex County Council's website - www.westsussex.gov.uk/A259