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Road surface dressing – essential work to protect roads

We are planning to seal the road outside your home **Monday** with a layer of bitumen and stone chippings.

We need to ask for your help – if you have a vehicle, **please could you not park on the road** from 7am to 7pm on the day of the work and the day afterwards, when excess chippings will be swept up. The clearer the road, the quicker the job will be finished.

We're sorry we can't give you more notice, but the work depends on good weather. If the conditions are not right, we will carry out the surface dressing as soon as we can.

The road will not be closed, but vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be managed for your safety and that of the highways team. For their safety, please keep pets and children away from the machinery whilst the works are being carried out. **Bin collections are normally unaffected.**

Drivers should try to avoid sudden braking or steering manoeuvres and it's also important that you don't walk on the new surface until the end of the work. If you do get any bitumen on your shoes it should come off with white spirit, but please do contact us if you have any serious problems.

There will be some loose chippings on the surface for a while and any road markings will be restored as soon as possible. Please take extra care during this period.

We are very grateful for your help and patience while this important work is underway. If you have any questions, please email highways@norfolk.gov.uk

What is Road Surface Dressing?

It's a treatment process used to protect and extend the life of our roads.

The work will stop water penetration and help to prevent potholes opening-up so is a really important part of the work we do to maintain our vital infrastructure. This year more than 300 miles of Norfolk's roads will get a new seal to extend the life of the road and provide a new skid-resistant surface to help reduce the risk of accidents.

If no repairs are done the road structure could fail, leading to expensive and disruptive reconstruction work.

A big advantage of surface dressing is the speed we can do the work, so that traffic disruption is minimised.

How do we do it?

The work cannot be done in cold or wet conditions, so our programme of surface dressing is mainly carried out between April and September each year.

Due to coronavirus restrictions great care is being taken to ensure highways teams are able to follow the latest guidelines from Public Health England while at work. Because the surfacing is fast-moving and may be suspended during bad weather, it is hard to give road users early warning of where the crews will be working.

The action of vehicles passing over the new surface plays an important part in helping the new surface to settle in. People are urged to drive slowly and considerably across the new surface until it is bedded in and highway teams return to sweep up the loose stones.

A 20mph speed restriction is imposed during work and on freshly-laid surface dressing for safety reasons.

The work will be carried out by Norfolk County Council's Community and Environmental Services Department and their contractors.

For Further Information

Email Norfolk County Council, at highways@norfolk.gov.uk

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