Surface Dressing –
The Facts

A well designed surface dressing applied at the right time can prolong the life of a road by up to 10 years.

Surface dressing is quicker than other maintenance techniques and causes less disruption to traffic.

Any potholes are repaired before surface dressing takes place.

Surface dressing increases the skid resistance of the road’s surface which makes it safer. Main roads as well as cul-de-sacs can be surfaced dressed.

Surface dressing seals the road surface and prevents water getting down into the structure of the road which could cause long term damage.

Surface dressing can only be carried out in good weather conditions.

General Advice –
After Completion

The new surface can be driven on immediately after completion.

There will be an excess of loose chippings on the road for a period of time after completion. This is normal. Please drive slowly and observe the temporary signs that will have been left in place.

For a short time, particularly if the weather is warm, there may be small areas of bitumen that are still soft. Please take great care. If you have to walk on the new surface please check your shoes before entering the house or getting into your car.

The company can accept no liability for damage to property, soft furnishings, vehicles or clothing if the advice given in this leaflet is ignored or not followed.

DANGER WARNING

This work involves the use of heavy plant and machinery. Please do not allow your children to play near this equipment whether or not work is in progress.

HELP AND ADVICE

Telephone Jenny Meaden or Shannon Sanders on our customer care line: 0121 772 3800

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What is Surface Dressing

The roads in your area are inspected regularly by Highway Engineers to determine whether any maintenance work is required by your local authority.

It is important that road surfaces are sealed to prevent water seeping in and to prevent detriment of the road surface. It is also important to have the correct surface texture to ensure adequate grip and skid resistance. Your road has been identified as requiring such treatment.

Surface dressing will seal the surface, improve surface texture and prolong the life of the road by many years. It is a speedy, efficient and economic method of preventative maintenance.

Due to the nature of the process it can only be carried out in dry weather from late April to early September, hence the reason for carrying out the work now.

Notification of work

Work will commence within 3 days of receipt of this leaflet but could also be delayed due to weather conditions.

We ask you to ensure that you do not leave your car parked on the road or verges when the work is due to start.

Notices will be erected in the road stating exactly when the work will start. Please look out for these notices in order to ensure work is not delayed because of parked cars.

At the start of the work traffic control measures will be put in place to create a safe working environment for our operatives.

The Surface Dressing Process

Step 1
A calibrated tanker sprays a thin film of hot bitumen onto the road.

Step 2
A metered spreader puts hard stone chippings onto the hot bitumen.

Step 3
These chippings are then lightly rolled and pressed into the bitumen to form an interlocking surface. The road can then be driven over with care. Any loose chippings on the surface are swept away and the road markings replaced.

What you need to do during the works

Generally, work will be carried out between 7.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

On street parking will not be possible during these times other than for very short durations.

Vehicle access to your properties will be possible during the works but you may experience short delays at times when the equipment train is in the vicinity of your property.

Please make sure that any vehicles belonging to you or your visitors are removed from the road by 7.00am on the day of the work.

Do not drive or walk on wet bitumen. This can mark vehicles and driveways. It will stick to your shoes and could be carried onto carpets and floors in your home.

Please ensure your pets are kept indoors during the work.

Please drive slowly and with care whilst travelling through the site and keep to any temporary speed limits. This is to protect our employees and your vehicle. Be prepared to be guided by one of our operatives if necessary.

You can drive on the road with care immediately after the surface dressing work. We will sweep the road of loose chippings after 24 hours of the resurfacing work and again about a week later.

Further sweeping may be necessary for a while if there is continued stone loss.

Pedestrian access to your property will be maintained throughout the works.

Please do not hesitate to enlist the help of one of our operatives if you are in need of any assistance.

The work may take more than one day to complete. Please be prepared to ensure the road is kept clear of vehicles the following day.

On no account attempt to access or exit your property by driving or walking over the newly laid material until the operation has been completed.