

Road Maintenance in Your Area

Road Surface Improvement (Surface Dressing)



A256 Whitfield Bypass, Dover

When we plan to carry out the work and how long it will take

This is to let you know that, as part of the on-going maintenance and improvement of the highway network, Kent County Council will be working to improve the road surface of the **A256 Whitfield Bypass, Dover** between the junctions of **The A2** and **Cater Road**.

These road surface improvement works are programmed to start on the **30th July 2018** and should take **3 weeks** to complete.

This type of work can be affected by bad weather, so if it is not possible for us to carry it out at this time, we will arrange a new date and let you know. We will also update our signs along the road before we start showing the new date we plan to start work.

During these essential works, the A256 will remain open at all times, although individual lanes will be closed and a temporary speed limit will be in force for the safety of the workforce and road users.

The side roads providing access to/from the dual carriageway section of the A256 will be closed during this period, with a diversion in place via Barville Road, which will remain open throughout.

For your safety and the safety of our workforce, please drive carefully and slowly through the roadworks.

What we plan to do

We will use a process called 'Surface Dressing' to improve the road surface. Surface dressing is quick to apply, which means less disruption to road users, residents, local businesses and the emergency services. It is a cost-effective way of prolonging the life expectancy of the road before any major repair works are required. It also benefits from having a low carbon footprint.

Surface dressing is applied directly onto the existing road in two stages. The first is the application of a hot binder which is sprayed onto the road surface and the second is the laying of chippings onto the binder. (Sometimes we lay 2 or more layers of chippings depending on the design). These layers seal the surface to prevent water penetration, restore texture and improve skid resistance. The carriageway may then be rolled using a rubber wheeled roller. This is to ensure the chippings are properly embedded and stick into the binder permanently. The continued action of the traffic also helps to embed the chippings as well.

To make sure all the binder is covered with chippings, we lay enough onto the road to ensure a full covering, and to make certain there are no gaps. There will be some loose chippings left, which is quite normal, and consequently we erect 20mph speed limit signs to slow vehicles down as they pass over the new surface. These signs will be on site until the road has settled down and all programmed sweeps have been carried out.

The aftercare/sweeping period is expected to take about a week and once this is complete, we will be laying a final treatment to seal the new surface over the following week. Once this is done, over the final week of the works, we will reinstate the road markings, before leaving site.

Further Information on this treatment process

Further information on Surface Dressing, including a short video presentation, can be found on our website at www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/roads/road-resurfacing/types-of-resurfacing.

How you can help

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption, but we will try to keep these to a minimum. If you have any particular access needs, please let the workforce on site know. We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality.

If you need more information, please call us on **03000 41 81 81**

You can also visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways to find out how we look after the roads throughout Kent or report any faults you find on our roads.

WARNING – Beware Bogus Callers

Kent County Council Highways, Transportation and Waste do not allow works to be carried out on private properties. If anyone says they are working for us or our specialist contractors and offer to carry out any work for cash, they should be treated with caution. We advise you to contact Citizen's Advice on 03444 111 444 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)