



# Surface Dressing starting tomorrow.

Please read the information in this leaflet, paying particular attention to any actions you may be required to take.

## What is Surface Dressing?

Surface dressing is a method of routine maintenance which extends the life of a road by up to seven years. It entails spraying the road with bitumen and covering it with granite chippings, after which the road is then rolled. This embeds the chippings into the surface of the road, helped by the action of traffic. The bitumen layer prevents water and air penetrating the tarmac underneath and causing structural damage like potholes. The stone chippings increase the texture of the road surface, and consequently the skid resistance. It is up to 10 times more cost effective than resurfacing.

## On the day...

The process should take no more than a few hours, during which time the road may be subject to traffic control. After this is complete the excess chippings are then swept up. The first sweep takes place within 48 hours and a further sweep will take place within the following 28 days. Should you need any assistance on the day, please speak to one of our site representatives who will be more than happy to help you.

The successful application of surface dressing is weather dependant. For this reason the works may be altered at short notice. If the works outside your house are delayed for more than 48 hours, you will be re-notified when they will take place.

For more information please call **0116 305 0001**

## **Warning!**

- During the early life of the surface dressing, the bitumen used can become fluid in warm weather.
- Bitumen and chippings can be picked up on footwear, wheelchairs, pushchairs, pets' paws and carried into houses. The removal of bitumen is difficult and may result in permanent marking of your driveway and internal floors or carpets.

### **Action you need to take when your road is being surface dressed:**

- Ensure any parked cars are moved by 7.00am.
- Avoid walking on the carriageway until the bitumen has fully dried.
- Take special care to keep children and pets away from treated areas.
- Please ensure that shoes, wheels (on prams etc.) and pets are free from bitumen before entering your property.
- The operation involves the use of heavy machinery, so please do not allow your children to play on or near this equipment, whether or not work is in progress.
- Please drive slowly whilst travelling through the site. This is to protect our employees and your vehicle. Be prepared to be guided by one of our operatives if necessary.

These works will be carried out for Leicestershire County Council by our in house contracting service. The operatives will be recognisable as they will wear Leicestershire County Council branded high visibility clothing. They will never offer to do any private work such as resurfacing people's driveways. If you are approached by anyone offering this type of work and claimian that they work for Leicestershire 0116 305 0001.