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TO THE OCCUPIER

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Dear Sir/ Madam

WORKS INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION LETTER: Clare Road, Prestwood

Transport for Buckinghamshire will be undertaking highway maintenance road treatment works to the carriageway of Clare Road, Prestwood between Wycombe Road and Blacksmith Lane as part of their Capital Road Investment Programme. This work is being undertaken to improve the condition of the road in order to prolong its life, and will be carried out in two phases.

The first phase, the preparatory patching works will take place during week commencing 3rd June 2019 and are expected to take up to 4 days to complete.

The second phase of the works involves the application of a micro-surfacing treatment to the carriageway, this work has been programmed for completion during mid – late Summer.

Both phases of the work will be carried out utilising daytime road closures and the road closure for this phase will be in operation between 09:30 – 15:30hrs. Prior to the micro surfacing you will receive further notification from our specialist contractor, providing you with additional information detailing exactly when and how these works will be carried out.

Information signs will be erected on site prior to the commencement of each phase of the works, giving the actual dates and durations. You will appreciate that works of this nature are extremely weather dependant and therefore may be subject to disruption due to inclement weather. If the works are delayed the advance information signs on site will be updated to reflect any changes.

Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents, although there may be some delay as the road treatment works pass your property and we apologise for any inconvenience. It is vital that vehicles are not parked on the road and/or footway as this will obviously-prevent the works from being completed.

Further information about our programmes of work can be found on at www.buckscc.gov.uk where you will also find a CONTACT US form or alternatively you can call 01296 382416 and one of my colleagues will be able to pass your enquiry through to me.

On the reverse of this letter there are some frequently asked questions (FAQ's) relating to the process, material and items associated with the micro asphalt surfacing, such as road markings and ironwork adjustments.

Mary McElhinney
Schemes Delivery coordinator



We're Working On It FAQ's **(Micro Asphalt)**

What notice do you give that my road is going to be treated?

We deliver notices to frontages providing advance warnings to all properties directly affected by the works. The schedule and timings of the work is heavily dependent on weather conditions and completion of previous road treatment works, so it is not always possible to send out these notices too far ahead of the work starting. Advance warning boards are also placed out on site approximately a week in advance to advise of upcoming works.

Why do I need to ensure that my car is not parked on the road during road treatment works?

It is vital that no cars are left parked on the highway during our works as this prevents us from being able to treat the full section of road. 'No Parking' signs are placed on the highway in advance of works and notices to frontages are delivered to residents requesting cars be removed. If cars are left on the highway at the time of the works, the treatment will be applied around vehicles as we do not have the legal right to remove them ourselves. Large sections of highway may have to be missed and it is not always possible to return at a later date to finish works on incomplete sections of road.

Why do you take a two phase approach to treating some roads?

Preparation works are the first phase of the work. This involves surfacing targeted sections of the carriageway to treat the worst affected areas, and any other kerbing or minor footway works. These surfacing patches then require a trafficking and bedding in period to seal and provide a sound surface before the second treatment can be applied. The road treatment is the second phase of the work and is surface dressing or micro surfacing. These treatments are applied in the warmer months and cannot be carried out in the cold or wet.

Why does a road that has had a micro surfacing treatment applied, have a different appearance to other road treatments?

Each road is individually assessed to provide the most effective course of treatment which will prolong and maintain the surface of the road. Micro surfacing an excellent, cost effective way treatment used to improve skid resistance, fill small cracks and imperfections and seal the surface. It can be used to smooth out uneven roads and used on either footway or carriageways. The micro surfacing treatment requires a significant 'bedding in' period, which is assisted by warmer weather and by being trafficked, after which the appearance improves greatly.

When are road markings re-painted following the works?

Re-painting of lines takes place following any 'bedding in period' and if necessary after any additional sweeps of the road to remove excess chippings, has taken place. This is usually 3-6 weeks following the application of the main specialist treatment.

Why have the ironworks (manhole covers/rainwater gullies etc) not immediately been lifted in line with the newly treated road?

Depending on the type of road treatment used it may be necessary to raise the ironworks after the main treatment works have been completed, to ensure that they are level with the new surface. We have a separate ironwork crew, working county wide following a methodical schedule. We anticipate that ironworks are raised approximately 4 weeks following road treatment works.