

Project Briefing Note – March 2025
Annual Surface Dressing Programme 2025

Introduction

The annual surface dressing programme forms part of the capital and revenue programme of planned highway maintenance works, which stands at around £19m per annum.

This year's surface dressing programme includes 151 roads identified throughout the East Riding of Yorkshire, totalling 680,000sq.m (around 67 miles) which is equivalent to surfacing a straight road from Beverley to Nottingham.



Image One – Chippings being applied

Background

Surface dressing is a nationally recognised maintenance technique for sealing a road, improving skid resistance, and preventing water getting under the surface. This is crucial to help stop potholes forming. It works by coating an existing road with bitumen, covering it with stone chippings and then rolling it.

The work can only be carried out in dry weather, so the Council's surface dressing programme is flexible, and dates can change at short notice.



Image Two – New surface & Old surface



Image Three – Completed surface

Procurement

The Council's Streetscene Services' construction teams carry out the surface dressing works each financial year. This approach ensures a skilled in-house construction service is maintained who can react to situations quickly without the need for procurement exercises.

Scheme Design

- Each site is evaluated in terms of site conditions and tested for the hardness of the existing surface, then designed to national standards to meet the required performance levels.
- Localised carriageway patch repairs are carried out months in advance prior to the surface dressing programme
- Existing road markings will be refreshed as part of the scheme,

Programming

- The works are due to commence on 22 April 2025 and last for approximately 18 weeks (weather permitting).
- Close liaison with Network Rail when working adjacent to level crossings.
- Some sites will be surface dressed in the evenings or early mornings to reduce traffic congestion.

Temporary Traffic Management

- Some temporary road closures will be required to carry out the application on narrower roads with signed traffic diversions in place.
- 20mph speed limits are temporarily introduced until all the loose chippings and new road markings are installed.

Stakeholder/Media Plan

- Portfolio Holders to be consulted on the proposal w/c 10 March 2025
- Ward councillors to be consulted on the proposal w/c 17 March 2025
- Consult with town and parish councils w/c 31 March 2025
- Press Release before start of the surface dressing works
- Leaflet drops to all affected residents and businesses informing of the start date and programme.
- Advanced warning signs to be provided for road user's before start (after leaflets have been sent),

Contact details

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