

Footway Maintenance in Your Area

Footway Surface Preservation (Slurry Sealing)

Westgate Road, Faversham, Swale.



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 footway surface of **Westgate Road, Faversham**.

What we plan to do and when

As a surface treatment, these works are carried out quite quickly in each area we work, they are programmed to commence on the 24/06/2024 and should be completed by the 28/06/2024. These activities will generally be undertaken between the hours of 7:30am & 6pm. These footway surface improvement works are carried out in three phases.

- Firstly, It may be necessary to prepare the existing surface by carrying out some patching or kerbing works. A weed spray will also be applied, this phase of the work may have already been completed.
- Secondly, we will cut back the edges of any adjoining grass verges, power wash the surface of the footway and adjust the level of any footway chamber covers that require it. Some of this work may also have been completed already.
- The final and main phase is the application of the surface preservation treatment to the footway surface.

To keep you informed of our progress you will receive a leaflet with some comprehensive information about the application, and the treatment itself from our contractor Kiely Bros 3 days prior to the works commencing in the vicinity of your property, please do take some time to read this leaflet and keep it for the duration of the works. Signs will be erected along the road in advance showing the above date and duration for this final phase of works. This type of work can be affected by weather conditions, so should it not possible for us to start the work within a few days of the specified date, we will arrange a new date and let you know via a letter drop to your home. This type of work can be affected by weather conditions, so should it not possible for us to start the work within a few days of the specified date, we will arrange a new date and let you know via a letter drop to your home.

During these essential works and due to the narrow nature of the carriageway in places, for us to complete this work successfully it is unavoidable that we will require a road closure, parking restrictions and footway closures throughout the day. These manned closures and restrictions are for through traffic only, and we will do all we can to always provide vehicular access to your properties, but there may be times when works are directly outside your property that we are not able to do so. Only one section will be completed at any one time, and each section will be completed in full before moving to the next. The closures will only be operational at times works are taking place and re-opened to through traffic at all other times. Pedestrians will have access throughout the site and ambassadors will be present to escort pedestrians safely through the works, however due to the footway being adjacent to the frontages of many of the properties there will be times when access to and from properties will be restricted i.e. when the material is being applied and during curing. All diversion routes will be signed.

Why we are doing this work and what to expect.

The footway is beginning to show signs of wear and tear, so we are going to apply a new surface which will both preserve it and extend its life, this cold applied treatment is known as 'slurry sealing'. Immediately before the works the kerbs, covers and entrances to properties will be taped over. As works begin it may be necessary for the surface to receive an initial levelling layer to achieve a nice uniform base for the new slurry sealing to be applied. After the application the material sets fairly quickly and once finished all the tape will be removed allowing the footway to be re-opened, this is usually within 2 hours of 'slurry sealing' being applied. We will carry out the work in sections and every effort will be made to maintain access to your driveway. However, there may be times when our work may cause you some inconvenience, but we will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum.

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As can be seen from the photos below, the new surface will be very dark in colour and coarse in texture, this is normal for this type of material, but its appearance will become more like you would expect over the following months following a period of 'bedding in'.



Shortly after treatment



Treatment after 1 year

How you can help us

Where possible we cut back vegetation overhanging the footway to ensure that we can achieve a full coverage, however this is not always possible. It would be extremely helpful if when receiving this leaflet, you could inspect any hedge, shrubs, or grass that you may have near the footway and cut back any that may be overhanging. When we work on the footways near your house our large vehicles will need to work in the road right next to the footway.

IF POSSIBLE, we would really welcome your help by parking your vehicle away from the area that we are working in.

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

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)

How to contact us?

If you have any special access arrangements, deliveries or need more information, you can email ivan.stevens@kent.gov.uk. 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. Alternatively call us on **03000 41 81 81**.