

After completion

The new surface can be driven on immediately after completion. The material can remain tacky for a short while after installation so please take extra care when parking your vehicle on driveways and/or entering your property.

Loose excess chippings will be present on the road for a period after completion, which is normal. Please drive slowly and observe all temporary signs that will have been left in place.


The road will be swept to remove the excess chippings within 48 hours of installation, and again within seven days. Once the final sweep has been carried out, all temporary signs are removed where applicable.

For a short time, particularly if the weather is warm, there may be small areas of bitumen that remain soft. Please take great care, and when walking on the new surface, please check your shoes before entering any properties or getting into a vehicle.

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For further information relating to these works, please contact Balfour Beatty Living Places.

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Surface Dressing



What is surface dressing?

Surface dressing is a road maintenance technique that involves applying a thin layer of bitumen and stone chippings to the road surface. This helps to seal the surface and provide better skid resistance for vehicles.

The benefits of surface dressing include:

Cost-effectiveness: Surface dressing is generally less expensive than resurfacing, making it a more cost-effective option for road maintenance.

Improved skid resistance: The aggregate used in surface dressing provides a skid-resistant surface, reducing the risk of accidents.

Increased waterproofing: The bitumen emulsion used in surface dressing creates a waterproof layer that extends the life of the road surface.

Reduced noise: Surface dressing can help to reduce the noise level of road traffic.

Why don't you resurface the road instead?

Resurfacing involves removing the existing road surface and replacing it with a new layer of asphalt or concrete. This process is more expensive and time-consuming than surface dressing. Overall, surface dressing is a viable option for maintaining road surfaces that are in good condition, and can help to extend the life of the road surface at a lower cost than resurfacing.



During the works

On-street parking will not be possible whilst the works are taking place. Vehicle access to your property may be restricted whilst the equipment train is nearby. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your patience.

On-site operatives may grant access within the works when possible. Please ensure you adhere to all advice given, and drive with due care to protect the public and our workforce. Pedestrian access to your property will be maintained throughout the works, where possible. You can get help and guidance from the dedicated marshals on site.

Please ensure your pets are kept indoors whilst the surface dressing is taking place.

This work involves the use of heavy plant and machinery. Please do not allow your children to play near this equipment, whether or not work is in progress.