

## Micro asphalt road repairs in your area

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Dear Resident.

You are receiving this leaflet as we will soon be working in your area to improve road surfaces.

Within the next 48 hours, our surface dressing teams will be working on the road adjacent to your property.

Please refer to our yellow information boards, which are located at either end of the works area. These will provide dates and times of our works. This micro-asphalt work will be carried out under a full road closure.



Please read on for more detail regarding these works.

### Why do Northamptonshire highways use micro-asphalt?

Micro asphalt is a relatively new and economical solution to resurfacing roads which are starting to show the first signs of wear and tear. We use micro asphalt when the structure of the road is in fairly good condition but the very top surface is beginning to wear and needs sealing to stop water getting in a, preventing major deterioration.

The material consists primarily of a bitumen emulsion in a liquid form, with stone added, which dries to provide a new top surface. As well as protecting against water the micro asphalt fills minor surface irregularities, improves skid resistance and prolongs the lifespan of the road.

### The Process

The road is swept and cleared of any debris. The surfacing machine is driven slowly down the road and micro asphalt is applied.

The micro-asphalt team follow the surfacing operation and remove any material that flows away from the surfacing line.

The micro asphalt is a brown colour when first applied and wet but dries to a dark grey when it the asphalt sets. Chippings are integrated into the material, but it does not need to be rolled.

Micro-asphalt is quick drying and can be driven on within around 30 to 45 minutes.



### Before work starts

1. You will receive notice from us two days before the work starts. Look out for our advance warning signs, the work is extremely weather dependant and programme changes do occur.

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2. We want to get as much done as quickly as possible so whilst the work is in progress the street needs to be free of vehicles. If necessary, please arrange to move your car to allow the work to be completed quickly and in one visit. Parked cars are a huge problem for us and re-visiting sites costs the tax payer a lot of money, so your co-operation is very much appreciated. This means we get the best results and can really make a difference in your area.
3. Prior to commencing work the traffic management team will be providing a full road closure to ensure public safety, quality of work and to minimise disruption.

### What about parking?

During the operations, please ensure that your vehicles are not parked on the highway as the operations will require full access at all times to the road. 'No Parking' signs will be erected throughout sites to inform residents of the times when vehicles should be removed.

### Towaway – moving vehicles parked in our work space.

We have been working with Northamptonshire County Council and have agreed that unlawfully parked vehicles, whose presence is preventing or hindering the works taking place, may be relocated to an adjacent street. This will be carried out by an approved contractor and vehicles will be moved to somewhere nearby.

Please look out for the signs in your street.

### During the works

- Where possible work is carried out between 08:00 and 18:00pm and every attempt will be made to keep delays to a minimum. Please monitor yellow boards for exact times
- Pedestrian access to your property will be maintained during the works.
- Vehicle access and on street parking will be restricted whilst the work is taking place. Please adhere to any advisory signs.
- Micro asphalt cannot be laid during periods of severe weather e.g. extreme heat; cold or wet. This could mean that the crew cannot work on the day they have notified. We will reschedule the works to take place as soon as we can so please accept our apology if this is the case.

### After completion of the works

- The new surface can usually be trafficked 30 to 45 minutes but the length of drying time varies according to weather conditions.
- To avoid staining your drive please do not access your property by vehicle until the contractor has left site.
- If walked upon whilst the new surface is drying, or during the first week after completion, soft material may get onto shoes. Please take great care and inspect your shoes before entering property and cars.
- Initially there may be a small amount of excess chippings. The road will be swept within the first 2 weeks to minimise this.
- After completion of the surfacing a second team will raise any gullies and manholes to the level of the new road surface. This will be completed within 3 to 4 weeks. Road markings will be repainted within the same timeframe.



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- The material beds in through the movement of traffic over it. In the early weeks the surface may appear a little rough or 'open textured', particularly if there is not much traffic on your street, but this will improve over time.

**The works are carried out under a full road closure for safety. Pedestrian access to your property/business will be provided during the works. If you need assistance for emergency vehicular access you can contact our traffic management team during working hours on 07749 926 048.**

**Please only use this number during work hours and if absolutely necessary. We are working to complete the micro-asphalt as quickly and safely as we are able to.**

### **Our Commitment to You**

Northamptonshire Highways is committed to the consistent improvement of the places and spaces in Northamptonshire and to working closely with local communities, residents and businesses to build a better County.

We promise to

- Keep the public informed of our programme and any changes
- Minimise disruption
- Co-ordinate with other road works
- Provide updates via Twitter @nnhighways

### **Contacting us**

To ensure any enquiries are dealt with correctly and to report defects please use our online Street Doctor service. This process ensures issues are recorded and dealt with appropriately. Once reported you will be issued with a unique reference number and be able to follow the progress of your enquiry.

- Website: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/streetdoctor)
- For information and transport and highway updates follow us on Twitter [@nnhighways](https://twitter.com/nnhighways)
- To view road works and diversion routes go to [www.roadworks.org.uk](http://www.roadworks.org.uk)