

Road Maintenance in Your Area

Road Surface Improvement (Lock chip/Surface Seal)



C89 CRANBROOK ROAD, FRITTENDEN

When we plan to carry out the work and how long it will take

This is to let you know that, following the surface treatment recently completed on **Cranbrook Road, Frittenden, between Digdog Lane and Frittenden village gateway**, Kent County Council will now be applying a further treatment called 'lock chip'.

The new treatment date has been changed and is now programmed to start on the 16th July 2024 and should take **1 day** to complete. This activity will be undertaken during a **short working window** of 9.30am and 3.30pm weekdays and/or **7am to 7pm Weekends or school holidays**.

This type of work can be affected by bad weather, so if it is not possible for us to carry it out at this time, we will arrange a new date and let you know via a letter drop to your home. We will also put up signs along the road, before we start, showing the date we plan to start work.

During these essential works it will be necessary to close the road completely so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users. The diversion route will be in place via C89 Cranbrook Road, C89 The Street, Frittenden, C89 Headcorn Road, C70 Staplehurst Road, C70 Frittenden Road, A229 Cranbrook Road, A229 Knoxbridge, A229 Rocks Hill, A229 Camden Road, A229 The Common, (U) Common Road, C89 Frittenden Road and C89 Cranbrook Road (And vice versa).

The timings of works and how the 'working window' may affect you

Our surfacing improvement (Lock chip) is a very quick process and usually takes no more than **half a day** to complete. We therefore undertake a programme of several surfacing sites in a day, following on consecutively from each other, to maximise the economy of our surfacing. Consequently, it is not possible to give an exact time when we will attend your road in advance of the works as this is dependent on the progress at other sites during the day, however the works are programmed to be undertaken within the working window specified above.

What we plan to do

The additional treatment is designed to 'lock' the chippings into the surface thereby reducing the amount of loose material migrating to the edges of the road or under parked vehicles. Once the routine sweeping has been completed, the lock chip bitumen coating is applied to fully seal the highway. The new binder sits within the texture of the chips in the new surface. This application is designed to significantly improve the early life retention of the chips in all areas of the dressing. It provides waterproofing and increased durability to prevent defects, cracks, and potholes. This coating cures in approximately 20 minutes, enabling the carriageway to be reopened quickly helping to minimise disruption.

Generally, within 14 days of the completion of the surfacing the road markings will be reinstated.

How you can help

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption, but we will try to keep these to a minimum. Any pavements will remain open at all times, but vehicle access to properties will need to be restricted for a short period while work is carried out in front of each property. If you have any particular access needs, please let the workforce on site know.

We need your help to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible and to the best possible quality.

If your vehicle is usually parked on the carriageway, please make sure you park it somewhere else away from the site whilst the works are carried out, so the road is clear for us to resurfacing.

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If you need more information, you can visit our website www.kent.gov.uk/resurfacingupdates to view our programme & updates, to find out how we look after the roads throughout Kent or report any faults you find on our roads. You can also view our diversion/permit details at www.one.network. Alternatively, you can call us on **03000 41 81 81**.

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)