

# Carriageway Repairs in Your Area

Road Surface Treatment

## Upper Austin Lodge Road, Eynsford Update



### 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 ongoing maintenance and improvement of the highway network, Kent County Council will be treating the surface of **Upper Austin Lodge Road, Eynsford** between **Station Road** and **end**.

Due to changes to our construction programme caused by the recent wet weather, the Surface Treatment work will now start on **9<sup>th</sup> July 2016** and should be completed in **1 day**. Working hours will be between **7am and 7pm**. 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.

### What we plan to do

We will use a process called '**Surface Dressing**' to treat the road. Surface dressing is quick to apply, which means less disruption to road users, residents, local businesses and the emergency services. It is a cost effective way of prolonging the life expectancy of the road before any major repair works are required. It also benefits from having a low carbon footprint.

Surface dressing is applied directly onto the existing road in two stages. The first is the application of a hot binder which is sprayed onto the road surface and the second is the laying of chippings onto the binder. (Sometimes we lay 2 or more layers of chippings depending on the design). These layers seal the surface to prevent water penetration, restore texture and improve skid resistance. The carriageway is then rolled using a rubber wheeled roller. This is to ensure the chippings are properly embedded and stick into the binder permanently. The continued action of the traffic also helps to embed the chippings as well.

To make sure **all** the binder is covered with chippings, we lay enough onto the road to ensure a full covering, and to make certain there are no gaps. There will be some loose chippings left, which is quite normal, and consequently we erect 20mph speed limit signs to slow vehicles down as they pass over the new surface. These signs will be on site until the road has settled down and all programmed sweeps have been carried out.

Generally after seven days of the completion of the surfacing the road markings will be reinstated.

### How you can help

During these essential works, it will be necessary to use a road closure, so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users.

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption, but we will try to keep these to a minimum. 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 resurface.**

If you need more information, please call us on **03000 41 81 81**

You can also visit our website [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://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.

***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 Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06 (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)