

Road Maintenance in Your Area

Road Surface Improvement (Surface Seal)



GEDGES HILL AND MAIDSTONE ROAD, PADDOCK WOOD

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 road surface of **B2160 Gedges Hill and Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood** between the junctions of **Coppers Lane (Maynards Lane)** and **Mascalls Court Road**.

These road surface improvement works are programmed to start on the **2nd August 2023** and should take **2 days** to complete. These activities will be undertaken during a **short working window** between the hours of **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.

During these essential works it will be necessary to control the traffic with temporary traffic control.

What we plan to do

Following the recent surfacing dressing at this location, an additional treatment called '**Lockchip**' will be applied once the surface has been sufficiently embedded. This 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.

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 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)