

# Road Maintenance in Your Area

## Road Surface Improvement (Resurfacing)



### A229 Blue Bell Hill – Northbound off slip from mainline A229 to Lord Lees Roundabout

#### 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 maintenance and improvement of the highway, Kent County Council will be undertaking carriageway resurfacing **on the northbound off-slip from the northbound A229 to the Lord Lees Roundabout.**

The resurfacing works are planned to commence on the **25<sup>th</sup> January 2019** and should take **4 nights (including the weekend)** to complete between the hours of **20.00 – 06.00 on each night of works.** We expect to be completed on site, for this phase of works, by the morning (6am) of **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

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 also have 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 **slip road** completely so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users. The mainline A229 northbound will remain open with a lane one closure for the safety of the work force.

The diversion route for all traffic will be via continuing on the A229 Blue Bell Hill northbound to the Davis Estate Roundabout, U-Turn at the Davis Estate Roundabout, head southbound on the A229 Maidstone Road to join the Lord Lees Roundabout.

#### What we plan to do

We will remove the existing road surface by a method known as milling. The complete area will then be swept by a mechanical sweeper to ensure the prepared surface is clean and free of dust and debris. If required, the existing manhole covers, and rain water gully gratings will be adjusted or replaced to the correct level before the new surface is laid. Please note that this operation is noisy and can be prolonged as it is carried out using pneumatic hand tools.

The new surfacing material will then be laid using a machine called a paver and compacted with a roller. This is a quick process and dependant on the design will either be a one or two-layer process. Finally, following completion of the surfacing, all associated road markings will be re-painted. The road will then be re-opened. Please note that during the whole process, audible warning reversing sirens will be heard; this is a health and safety requirement and cannot be turned off but will be kept to a minimum.

#### Why are we doing this work?

The majority of capital investment in maintaining our highway network is funded through various capital maintenance grants from the Government. To make best use of that finite resource we carry out condition surveys and inspections, using a combination of mechanical and visual means, together with an assessment of local needs, and that helps to inform an annual capital works programme that balances value for money and our duties under the Highways Act 1980. Our approach to highways asset management is based on using robust data to inform how we invest the funds available, so that we spend the right amount of money at the right time to reduce the cost of maintenance overall. Further details of our works programmes and our approach to highways asset management more generally can be found at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk).

### **How you can help us**

It is inevitable that residents and businesses near the works will experience some disruption and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, but we will try to keep this to a minimum. Restricted Access to residential properties and all businesses up to the closure point, will be available, when safe to do so, but if you have any access needs, please let the workforce on site know. Access to properties between the closure points will need to be restricted for a short period while work is carried out in front of each property and across road junctions. Traffic Management operatives will be available to help direct traffic within the closure.

***For your safety and the safety of our workforce, please drive carefully and slowly through the roadworks.***

### **How to contact us?**

If you need more information, you can 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. Alternatively, you can call us on **03000 41 81 81**.

### **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)