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Dear Sir/Madam

Surface Dressing – Castle Lane, Buckland Newton

Surface dressing is a preventative treatment – much like applying paint to a wooden window frame – to prolong the life of the road. It is an essential part of Dorset County Council's road maintenance strategy, alongside patching and resurfacing.

To carry out the work, roads being treated will have to be controlled using convoy working please see the attached list.

In rural areas we will be working 8am to 4pm and in urban areas we will be working 9am to 4pm. We will be asking residents to move cars off the road before 9am.

About surface dressing

Bitumen binder (glue) is sprayed onto the road, stone chippings are spread onto this and then compacted down with a roller. A sweeper then travels along the road the following day to clear any immediate loose chippings.

It is a quick process - rural sites take less than a day to complete and urban roads will take 1-2 hours, depending on the length of the road.

Surface dressing can only be carried out when the road is dry. When it rains – the work has to stop and dates will change.

A newly dressed road may feel 'bumpy' as the grip will have been restored. The surface will also be noisier initially while the chippings 'bed down'.

To find out more information on our surface dressing programme please visit – www.dorsetforyou.com/surface-dressing

Yours Faithfully

Dorset Highways

Mike Harries, Director for Environment and Economy

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