

Road Maintenance in Your Area

Road Surface Improvement (Resurfacing)

Remedial Works:

Station Road/ Pluckley Road, Pluckley



Reason for remedial action, when we plan to carry out the work and how long it will take

Recently Kent County Council undertook some resurfacing works to renew the road surface on Station Road/ Pluckley Road, between **Pluckley Railway Station bridge and Stanford Bridge House at River Beult overbridge**.

The replacement of the road surface on the railway bridge was completed as programmed. Unfortunately, due to some issues with the weather and asphalt material, it has meant that some of the surfacing in the other sections of road will require some remedial work. **The cost of these remedial works will be met by the contractor who undertook the original works.**

These remedial works have been programmed to take place on **Thursday 3rd November and Friday 4th November** between **7.30pm and 5.00am** each night.

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 an updated notification.

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

The diversion route will be via Chambers Green Road, Romden Road, Rose Farm Road, Smarden Bell Road, Burnt House Lane, Biddenden Road, Bethersden Road, Pot Kiln Lane, Bull Lane, A28 Ashford Road, Forge Hill, Mill Road, Pluckley Road and vice versa

Access/ Egress to Pluckley Railway Station will be from the PLUCKLEY side of the railway overbridge ONLY

There will be limited access/egress to properties along the road whilst works are in progress however there will be an on-site Traffic Management Team to direct traffic and allow movement of vehicles when safe to do so.

What we plan to do

We will remove the failed section of 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 rainwater 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 along with flashing beacons; this is a health and safety requirement and cannot be turned off while the vehicle is operational

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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 whilst keeping your distance. 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.

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. **We will place yellow, no parking cones to highlight the areas vehicles will not be able to park whilst works take place.** We would also ask that where possible, journeys to and from your properties be minimised between the hours of our closure.

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

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.

How to contact us?

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**.

COVID-19 Statement

We take the wellbeing of the public and our workforce extremely seriously, and please be assured we have put in place all mitigating measures necessary to abide by any guidance currently in place.

We ask that whilst works are ongoing, if you do need to approach our workforce, please maintain social distancing and if you do have any further enquiries regarding these works you can also raise them through the Kent County Council contact centre on 03000 418181 Mon to Fri 09:00 to 17:00.