

# Fact Sheet

## Important information about road works happening outside your property soon

We have been appointed to resurface the road outside your property as part of Sheffield City Council's Streets Ahead contract. Please take time to read this fact sheet, which will answer many of the questions you might have and provide important safety and access information.

If you have any further questions, please contact us using the details on the back of this fact sheet.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation during these essential works.

### WHEN?

Keep an eye out for information boards placed on the street but be aware that the dates may change. The work will take place between 7am and 7pm unless stated otherwise, and should only take a day or two but it may take us a few days longer depending on the nature of the road itself. We try to maintain access at all times but you may be asked to wait a short time before driving or walking on the road.

### WHERE?

We will be resurfacing the road outside your property using micro-surfacing. Micro-surfacing is a mixture of bitumen, stone, cement and additives. It is laid in two layers by highly skilled operatives using specialist machinery.

### WHY?

The use of micro-surfacing has always been part of the Streets Ahead contract. Bringing the network up to a reasonable standard and maintaining it at that standard involves using a range of treatments depending on the condition of the road surface at the time.

Micro-surfacing is a way of extending the life of the road by sealing out water and creating a new top layer. The micro-surfacing treatment will last approximately 8 to 10 years, after which a second, thicker treatment (which will involve removing layers of the existing road and replacing it with new material) will be applied.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO TO PREPARE?

The road will be closed, or partially closed. Please make sure you do not park on the road during the dates shown on the signs. Once our workers arrive on site, access will be limited (except for emergency vehicles) so please make arrangements to park elsewhere. If access is blocked to your property, please speak to a crew member who will be happy to help. If cars are parked on the road, this will prevent the work from going ahead.

## The micro-surfacing process explained:

1. The road, or part of the road will be closed off using traffic management and it will be swept.
2. Ironwork (manholes etc.) will be masked using tape.
3. We will use specialist machinery to lay micro-surfacing directly on to the road.
4. This will be rolled and then a second coat will be laid on top. This might be the same day, or the next day.
5. The masking tape is removed and signs are put up warning motorists to slow down as there are no road markings.
6. Any areas that appear not to have been covered will be hand laid at a later date.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

<b>Q:</b>	<b>How long until I can drive on the road?</b>
A:	You can drive on the surface in 20-30 minutes depending on the weather, but please do not drive on it until the signs and cones are removed.
<b>Q:</b>	<b>It looks rough and there are loose stones on the surface.</b>
A:	This is normal as micro asphalt takes 1-3 months to 'bed in' so it can look a little rough until then. Colas will sweep the site soon after the work is complete to pick up any loose stones.
<b>Q:</b>	<b>A manhole cover has been covered up.</b>
A:	As we are laying 20-40mm on top of the road, some manhole covers are left low. To prevent injuries, we will leave some manholes marked and covered. Within approximately 1 month a crew will return to the site to lift and uncover any manholes.
<b>Q:</b>	<b>When will the road markings be put back?</b>
A:	Once we have carried out a final sweep, about a week after the surface is laid the road markings will be re-instated. Please look out for the on-street signs.
<b>Q:</b>	<b>Why has part of the road not been covered?</b>
A:	Depending on the width and shape of the road, there may be times when our machinery cannot lay the new surface. If that is the case, our workers will return within 1 month to complete the site using smaller machinery.

If you have any further questions or require any further information, please contact us at –

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