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Dear Sir/Madam

### Surface Dressing at Park Estate Road, Portland 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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 Council's road maintenance strategy, alongside patching and resurfacing.

To carry out the work, roads being treated will have to be cleaned using a sweeper a day prior to the surface dressing works. The area will then be controlled using **convoy working or short-term closure with localised diversion** during the works.

In **rural** areas we will be working **6am to 5pm** and in **urban** areas we will be working **8:30am to 4pm**. We will be asking residents in these areas to move cars off the road before **08:30am** and **enforcing the towaway zones for the site as appropriate**.



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#### 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 **so please look out for the information signs placed on site two days before the works**.

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](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/surface-dressing)

Yours faithfully

**Dorset Highways**



