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Subject: Footways Slurry Seal Programme - Proposed Works

Dear Sir / Madam,

As a representative for Swindon Borough Council, I write to inform you of the upcoming Footways Slurry Seal Programme.

The purpose of the scheme is to replace the deteriorating surface of the footway in order to increase its life span and to provide a safer and better running surface for pedestrians. The Slurry Seal process is fast, efficient, cost effective and one of the most environmentally friendly ways to achieve this with minimum disruption to all affected parties. The existing footway will be sealed to prevent water ingress, thereby prolonging the structural integrity of the footway. As a result of this process the footway surface is renewed, regaining any loss of texture since its original state.

The one big disadvantage of Slurry Seal is that it often looks scruffy until it beds in via foot traffic wear, which may take a number of months in residential areas. There may also be isolated areas of the slurry material that become loose or wear out soon after application where it has not adhered to the existing surface well enough. The material does come with a two-year performance guarantee from the installer who will address any such defects with future site visits.

The works are provisionally programmed to commence in **September / October 2022** between the hours of **08:00 and 17:00**. However, on occasions they may over run slightly due to circumstances outside of their control such as plant breakdowns, if weather conditions are unfavourable, or occasionally we discover the need for additional repairs once the work has started.

Notification signs will be erected and letters delivered in advance by the Contractor to let residents know when works will take place in each area. Since the Slurry Seal process is both weather and temperature sensitive, the signs will be updated should dates be revised according to current weather forecasts.

To facilitate these works, the Contractor will also be carrying out some minor improvements to kerbs and footways prior to the above surfacing period.

Once the exact programme dates have been confirmed, you will be notified.

The table below shows each site and their corresponding Wards.

Site	SBC Ward
Windermere	Covingham & Dorcan
Eastmere	Covingham & Dorcan

Wheeler Avenue	Gorse Hill & Pinehurst
Surrey Road Area	Rodbourne Cheney
Chicory Close	Priory Vale
Olive Grove	Rodbourne Cheney
Merlin Way	Covingham & Dorcan
Rosemary Close	Priory Vale
Kipling Gardens	Penhill & Upper Stratton
Grange Close	Blunsdon & Highworth
Lansbury Drive	Penhill & Upper Stratton
Crosswood Road	Liden, Eldene and Park South

The workforce will maintain pedestrian access for the duration; however due to the nature of the works, some disruption is possible and vehicular access may need to be restricted at times. It is essential that areas remain un-trafficked until the new material has set, as early use could lead to premature failure. As such, these works will be undertaken in multiple phases.

Traffic Marshalls will be available on site at all times during the works, and will assist in dealing with any access problems or queries that may arise.

If you have any questions about these works, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself, using either this email address or the SBC Switchboard number found in my signature below, and I will be happy to help.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience that these works may cause, but trust you will appreciate the necessity for these essential works to maintain Swindon's highway network.

Kind Regards,

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