

# FAQs

Slinfold to Rudgwick – A281, Guildford Road

Carriageway Resurfacing

February 2021

Night working

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V1.0



## **Scheme: Slinfold to Rudgwick – A281, Guildford Road**

**Type:** Carriageway Resurfacing

**Road:** A281, Guildford Road

**Parish:** Rudgwick

**WSSC Member (Broadbridge):** Mr Christian Mitchell

### **Summary**

Programme date: February 4<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2021

Extent: Carriageway resurfacing of Guildford Road: i) between Hillhouse Lane (Surrey boundary) and Loxwood Road; ii) failed area in vicinity of the Downs Link crossing and iii) between Smithers Farm and Furnace Barn

Approach: Plane out the existing road surface to a maximum depth of 100mm where necessary to maintain levels, reinstatement of the carriageway with new surfacing material; road markings.

**Traffic Management: Guildford Road will be closed to all traffic while resurfacing operations take place and a temporary diversion will be in place. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) will be implemented to enable the closure of the carriageway.**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q. Why does this work have to take place?

*A. The current road is showing signs of significant weakening of the carriageway structure as well as fattening up of the running surface and needs to be repaired in order to provide a safe and durable surface on which to travel.*

Q. What work has to be done?

*A. The existing surfacing will be removed where necessary to maintain levels and a new road surface will be laid throughout to a maximum depth of 100mm.*

Q. What will the benefits be once it is finished?

*A. The durability of the road surface will be improved, making it more resilient to the formation of potholes. In addition, the new surface will be smoother which will improve the ride quality and lessen road noise.*

*Repair of the road surface now will maximise its life, provide a better running surface and improve the condition of the road structure. It will also reduce the potential for more frequent and costly disruption from localised, small repairs.*

Q. Will any roads have to be closed during the works?

*A. Guildford Road will be closed to all through-traffic in phases while our surfacing operations take place. Pedestrian access will be maintained but crossing the roads in the immediate vicinity of our works area will not be possible for safety reasons.*

Q. When will the work start?

*A. The resurfacing of the carriageway will begin on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Work to establish any diversion route will take place in advance of the main construction works, however the diversion will only be in operation while our works are being carried out.*

Q. When will the work finish?

*A. The works are programmed to finish on or before 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.*

Q. What time of day will the work take place?

*A. The main resurfacing works will take place overnight, between 8pm and 6am.*

*Ancillary works such as road marking replacement may take place outside of these hours once the temperature of the new surface has cooled sufficiently*

Q. The road is still closed but there is no work being carried out?

*A. The laying temperature of the road materials is in the region of 130°C; the new road surface has to cool down to maximum temperature of 25°C before it can be opened up to traffic. It may take some time before the newly laid surface has cooled sufficiently to allow traffic to use it, which may give the impression that the road is closed for no obvious reason.*

*In addition, in between completing the resurfacing element and opening the road, new road markings may also have to be installed which again cannot be done until the surface is sufficiently cool.*

Q. Why are you undertaking the works during the night?

*A. Unfortunately we cannot carry out work of this nature without having a severe impact on the local community. In deciding on the time when the least disruption will occur, we take many factors into consideration. These include:*

- the disruption and disturbance that our works will have on residents, particularly at night*
- the impact that our works will have on schools, local businesses and road users, especially during the day*
- safety of our workforce, the local community and the wider travelling public*
- consideration of the impact of this scheme on rail and bus passengers and commuters*
- Traffic volumes and the effect of diversion routes*
- quality control*

*We cannot complete these works without generating noise and we understand that this may disrupt residents' sleep, however every effort will be made to carry out the noisiest operations in the earliest part of the evening and before 00.00. This is likely to have an impact on local residents; however, we feel that the overall inconvenience of carrying out this work at night will be less than doing so during the day.*

Q. What disruption can residents expect?

*Access and egress may be limited while our works are being undertaken. We will do our best to maintain access but delays may occur for operational and/or safety reasons.*

*Our works will generate noise and dust but we will do all we can to keep this to a minimum.*

*A scheme drawing showing the detail of the proposed works is attached.*

Q. What disruption can motorists or bus passengers expect?

*A. Guildford Road will be closed while our surfacing operations are being carried out. Vehicles will be diverted via a signed diversion route.*

*Access to all properties will be maintained whenever possible. However, when works are being carried out in the immediate vicinity delays may occur for operational and/or safety reasons. If immediate access might be required when our works are being carried out in these locations, it may be advisable to make alternative parking arrangements outside of the working area.*

*The bus companies serving this area have been notified of these works, however minimal buses serve this area during the proposed working hours.*

Q. I am expecting a delivery during the works. What will happen?

*A. Access for deliveries to retail businesses will be maintained at all times and our traffic management and resurfacing teams will do their best to ensure that any disruption is kept to a minimum. However, delays may occur for operational and safety reasons.*

*If possible, all deliveries should be arranged to take place either before or after the works. If this is not possible, then please contact West Sussex Highways on via:*

*[www.westsussex.gov.uk/roadpavementenquiry](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roadpavementenquiry)*

Q. What disruption can pedestrians expect?

*A. Pedestrian access to all properties will be maintained and managed at all times. However, residents are advised that they will not be able to cross the road where the works are taking place.*

Q. I have off-street parking, will I still be able to use it?

*A. Where possible, access to all properties will be maintained at all times. However, residents may have to wait until such a time that they can access their properties safely, without causing damage to their vehicles or without causing unreasonable interruption to the works being carried out. If immediate access might be required, it may be advisable to make alternative parking arrangements outside of the working area.*

Q. Will any diversion routes for traffic have to be put in place?

*A. Vehicles using Guildford Road will be diverted by following a signed diversion route.*

Q. Why have you chosen to do this at this time of year?

*A. The working window for carrying out this scheme is limited due to other works which are being carried out in the area and which may conflict with any necessary diversion routes.*

Q. Could weather impact the proposed works?

*A. Weather conditions can have an impact on the delivery of the scheme. In the event that the works are delayed we may choose to mitigate the delay by working over weekends.*

Q: How to I report a fault or problem on the highway?

*The most effective way to report a fault or problem on the highway is to use our reporting application - Love West Sussex.*

*For full information: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/>*

Q. What is Love West Sussex?

*A. The Love West Sussex website and app allow you to inform us of any highways issues such as potholes, overgrown vegetation, damaged kerbs, footpaths and verges, which you come across in the county.*

*Using the Love West Sussex website or app you will be able to check on the progress of your report and any work being undertaken.*

*For full information go to: <http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home>*

Q. How do I make contact with West Sussex Highways?

*A. If you have any queries on the day regarding how the works are being carried out near you, e.g. 'Can I get access to my property', then please feel free to ask to speak to the on-site Site Supervisor who is normally best placed to address your concerns.*

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