

Dear Requester,

Please accept our apologies for the delay. I now have the remaining response to your request.

Can you tell me how much money was spend on the above road resurfacing?

Final costs are not known for some time as they are produced once the entire programme of works is complete and the breakdown will be included therein. I can tell you the initial budget allocation for the scheme on Vale Road was around £30,000 but that was pre-design and hence subject to alteration as the project is progressed.

What company completed the work?

Kiely Bros completed the work. They are a Tarmac Company sub-contractor carrying out annual programmes for both Micro-Asphalt and Surface Dressing works in Nottinghamshire.

Can you explain the exact work that has been completed?

The following link will explain the process:

<http://www.kielybros.co.uk/carriageway-solutions/microasphalt/>

When a road is resurfaced what is the correct procedure?

All sites are initially kept on a Candidate List which is a countywide record of all sites where work over and above the filling of potholes or small element patching is required. These sites are assessed for both their suitability for certain treatments and also their priority. This priority may come from the level of reactive maintenance which is already taking place on the road or its condition report from the annual condition surveys carried out by both our Engineering Survey Partner (Aecomm) and our own Highway Inspectors.

Sites that make it on to a works programme for the forthcoming year are allocated a budget and sent to the County Council's 'Communities & Place Committee' for approval. Prior to, and after Committee approval, the sites usually sit with the Design Team where further details are worked out in terms of treatment suitability and any preparatory work required (such as patching) and the site is fully surveyed to a greater accuracy to determine quantities and cost estimates.

The road space is booked to ensure there are no conflicts with other works such as public utilities and to ensure the road is unlikely to be disturbed by the same utilities for a long time after our works are completed.

Residents are sent letters outlining the type of work which is to take place and the anticipated dates for delivery of the scheme. Weather permitting, the work should then take place on the dates outlined.

Are you aware that the road has up to 84 lorry runs and a it is the main arterial bus route?

All aspects of a roads 'character' are considered when putting schemes together as this does indeed have a bearing on the suitability of certain treatments. There is of course, always an element of risk with any resurfacing scheme, whether it's surface dressing or deep resurfacing, but the main aim always to find and apply the most suitable treatment for the level of deterioration and the level of daily usage. Certain treatments have the capacity to outlast their immediate appearance and we

believe this to be the case with the Micro-Asphalt treatment applied to Vale Road. Highway Maintenance is also constantly evolving and we are always pushing the envelope to test the capability of certain materials for future use and cost-effectiveness. For example, full resurfacing costs around 4-5 times more than Micro-Asphalt, which means we have been able to attend to many more roads in Mansfield District than we would have otherwise been able.

Many sites may spend several years on the Candidate List and their priority / treatment type is reviewed annually to ensure the correct sites make it onto the annual programme. The level of funding dictates how far down the list we can go each year but further developments in treatment types are helping us to treat more roads for less each year. The acid test will of course be the longevity of certain treatments on certain roads and this also is something which we monitor regularly, post-completion, to further fine-tune the treatment selection process.

A draft of the following financial years works programme usually goes to Committee in October, followed by the final programme being submitted for approval in March.

I hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)
<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

Kind Regards

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