

Request for Information: Ref NCC-033548-18

Thank you for your request for information relating to The resurfacing of Common Road. I can now let you have the following information provided by the relevant department.

Resurfacing Common Road

Could you please tell me when phase three of resurfacing Common Road (A6027) will be carried out?

Further to your recent enquiry regarding the B6027 Common Road, Huthwaite and the resurfacing of the remaining section of carriageway (From Mill Lane to Sutton Road). Whilst this

section is on the candidate list as a site requiring resurfacing, it is unlikely that this section will feature in the 2019/20 maintenance programme due to other priorities on the B/C Road class network. Sites on the candidate list are reviewed annually and result in a proposed programme being developed for each financial year. Until this road section is programmed for resurfacing, the overall condition will continue to be monitored through the planned inspection regime and any defects that meet the investigatory level will be repaired to keep the road safe.

I have included the following information on highway asset management, inspections and maintenance treatments which you may find useful and help you understand our approach to the maintenance of Common Road.

Highway Asset Management

One of the key principles with highways asset management is to increase the use of 'preventative non-invasive treatments' and reduce the level of invasive high-cost worst-first resurfacing schemes where possible. Only fixing the very worst roads every year means that a

lot of public money is spent on only a few sites and while this is being carried out, other sites will

deteriorate to a point where they too will require high-cost resurfacing. Our current strategy therefore is still to carry out full resurfacing at a limited number of sites, based upon priority, but

for the cost of one resurfacing scheme, we can carry out cost-effective 'preventative' works which will save several other sites from deteriorating to a similar level. The section of Common

Road you are referring to sits somewhere between large scale structural patching and full resurfacing in terms of the actual maintenance requirement.

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In the past, priority has been given to the classified road network (you will know these as 'A' &

'B' roads, Common Road is the B6027) and this has led to a gradual countywide deterioration of

the Unclassified network (estate roads and some rural links) We are now working to redress this

imbalance by slightly changing the emphasis onto saving more of this Unclassified network whilst still maintaining our classified roads in a safe and serviceable condition.

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County Council has added an extra £20 million pounds to the available maintenance budget, spread over the next four years to help address this decline in local roads.

Our scheme selection system involves a 'candidate list' of potential sites in all categories, ranging from those requiring full reconstruction to those which can be saved from further

damage by either large scale structural patching or surface dressing. It is possible that some sites may have had patchwork repairs over several years in order to maintain safety and whilst they may not be aesthetically pleasing they are at least fit for purpose from a safety perspective until larger scale treatments can be programmed.

Safety

Our main priority at all times is for the safety and serviceability of the highway network, including footways, cycleway's and all other associated assets. For this reason, we carry out highway safety inspections at varying frequencies (monthly, quarterly, six-monthly, annually) dependent upon the hierarchy of the road / footway in question (Common Road is subject to a monthly 'safety inspection'). We have a series of 'investigatory levels' for defects on the highway and these are assessed and attended to either as part of this inspection regime or as a result of individual enquiries from members of the public, local councillors and so on. We are also able, in certain areas to address small sites which have received excessive patching and / or pothole repairs by carrying out surface course repairs, approximately 40mm thick, to restore sections of some roads to a serviceable condition and to prevent further use of public money in continuous reactive repairs. These sites may then be suitable for further preventative surface treatment in future works programmes.

Future works programmes

The above mentioned 'candidate list' contains numerous sites in the Ashfield area which are potentially suitable for a variety of treatments and these are continually assessed for consideration in the annual Capital Maintenance Works Programme and any additional maintenance programmes where extra funding is made available, either from the Department for Transport or local sources, such as the County Council as described above. All sites are assessed against their peers both within and without District and Borough Council areas and based upon a pro-rata funding allocation connected to both network length and Road Condition Indicator (a national measure) for each road class / hierarchy to ensure an objective and fair allocation for each area. To conclude, Common Road is on the Candidate List for treatment, although no year has currently been set. We continue to monitor it, as we do with all sites, until such time as it makes its way to the top end of the list of priority schemes.

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link: <http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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