

Access & Disability Committee

£9M 3-Year Residential Roads & Pavement Investment Programme Progress Report

25th November 2021

<p>Highways £9M 3-Year Residential Roads & Pavement Investment Programme (2020/2021 to 2022/2023)</p> <p><u>Year-1 (2020/21) of the 3 year £9m Residential Road & Pavement Programme</u></p> <p>Due to Covid 19 Pandemic the programme was reduced by 50% and £1.5M invested in Year-1 during 2020/21</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Micro Asphalt Surfacing: £ 1.25M investment<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. RBC Highways carried out extensive pre-patching in advance of micro asphalt surfacing to ensure a structurally sound baseb. Eurovia Ltd awarded the contract for Micro Asphalt and delivered 57 residential roads on the surfacing programme2. Pavements Improvement Programme: £0.25M investment<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. The Council's Highways teams delivered 17 pavement / footway improvements during 2020/21 <p><u>Year-2 (2021/22) of the 3 year £9m Residential Road & Pavement Programme</u></p> <p>Investment £7.5M over 2-years (2021/22 & 2022/23)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approx. £4.2M Micro Asphalt Surfacing awarded to Kiely Bros. Ltd2. Approx. £ 1M Main / Industrial type roads awarded to Kiely Bros. Ltd (as per the annual DfT funded major roads contract). These will pick up those roads that never qualify for the major roads.3. Approx. £ 1M Miles Macadam material for concrete roads awarded4. Approx. £1.3M allocated towards the Pavement programme with works delivered by RBC Highways Works Teams. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Micro Asphalt Surfacing:</u> <p><u>Pre-patching</u> by Highways continues and going well and is considerably ahead of the surfacing programme. The Highways team were on site at the start of each site to plug any defect under parked cars to ensure we have the most stable base to lay the micro asphalt material onto.</p> <p><u>Micro Asphalt Programme:</u> 94 Residential Roads surfaced in Year-2 programme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. <u>Hot Rolled Asphalt Resurfacing:</u> 39 Main Roads Resurfaced in the Year-2 programme <p>Comms plan included advance letters to residents and businesses, infographic to explain what was going on, daily updates provided to the RBC Web Page with progress, as well as social media campaign: Residential road improvements - Reading Borough Council</p>	
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Photos of the Micro Asphalt Residential Sites:



Blagdon Road



Willow Gardens



New Lane Hill



Luscombe Close

Photos of Hot Rolled Asphalt sites:



Whiteknights Road



Russell Street



Kentwood Hill

Liebenrood Road

3. Specialist concrete road surfacing programme:

Phase 1:

1. Northumberland Ave (Honiton Rd to Hartland Rd): **COMPLETED**
2. Southcote Lane (remaining sections): **COMPLETED**

Phase 2:

3. The Meadway: **COMPLETED SURFACING**

Phase 3:

4. Cressingham Road: **COMPLETED**

Phase 4:

5. **Wensley Road** - Approx. £ 250,000 on roads to be agree commencing in spring 2022 for 5 weeks. (noted major housing development on-going).



Northumberland Ave Before & After

4. Pavement Programme: Year-2 (2021/22) Residential Pavement

The list of pavement schemes to be included in the 2nd year of the Council's £9M 3-year Capital Investment programme is listed below as follows:

No.	Road	Ward
1	Ambrook Road towards Alphington Road - 250m length Completed	Whitley
2	Holberton Road - Completed	Church
3	Foxhays Road - Completed Holberton Road Jct / Gratton Road Jct	Church
4	Shirley Avenue (N / S bound only) Completed	Whitley
5	Newcastle Road Completed	Redlands
6	Torrington Road Completed	Church
7	Bath Road (Castle Hill to Southcote Rd) Completed	Southcote / Minster
8	Brybur Close Completed	Church
9	Western Elms Avenue Completed	Battle
10	Watlington Street (Queens Rd to Kings Rd) Underway	Abbey
11	Wantage Road **Waverley Road to Norfolk Road)	Battle / Norcot
12	London Road (Sidmouth Street to London Street)	Abbey / Katesgrove / Park / Redlands
13	Home Farm Close	Katesgrove
14	Norcot Road (South section between School Road & Blundell's Road)	Kentwood / Norcot / Tilehurst
15	Pitcroft Avenue	Park
16	Addington Road **Redlands Rd to Craven Road**	Redlands
17	Northumberland Avenue (Christchurch Gdns to Long Barn Lane) **HEXHAM ROAD TO NEWCASTLE ROAD ONLY**	Whitley
18	Scours Lane	Kentwood

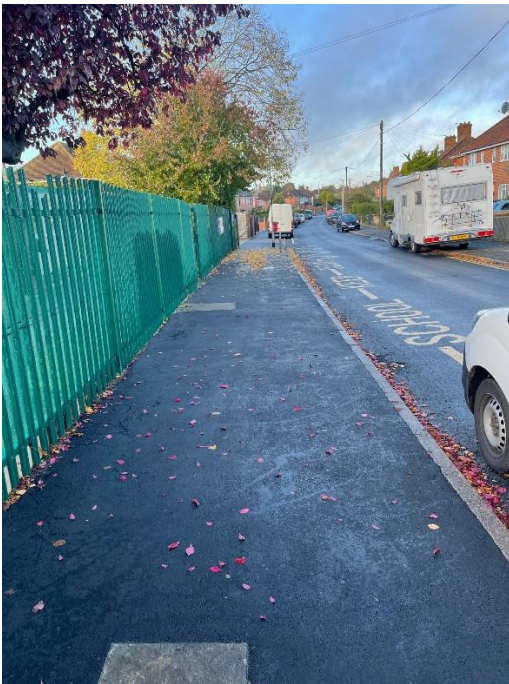
The team are offering to include a discounted vehicle crossing to affected residents:

Ambrook Road - **1 took up this option**
 Foxhays - **3 took up this option**
 Holberton - **1 took up this option**
 Shirley Ave - **2 took up this option**
 Torrington Road - **1 took up this option**
 Newcastle Road - No take up

Consideration to provide **pedestrian dropped crossings** with at junctions that do not currently have them will be included if within the works areas.

Ambrook - 4 pedestrian junction crossings installed
 Foxhays - 2 pedestrian junction crossings to be installed
 Holberton - 4 pedestrian junction crossings installed

Shirley Ave - 2 pedestrian junction crossings to be installed
Torrington Road - 4 pedestrian junction crossings installed
Newcastle Road - 1 pedestrian junction crossings to be installed
Torrington Road - 2 pedestrian junction crossings to be installed



Torrington Road



Ambrook Road

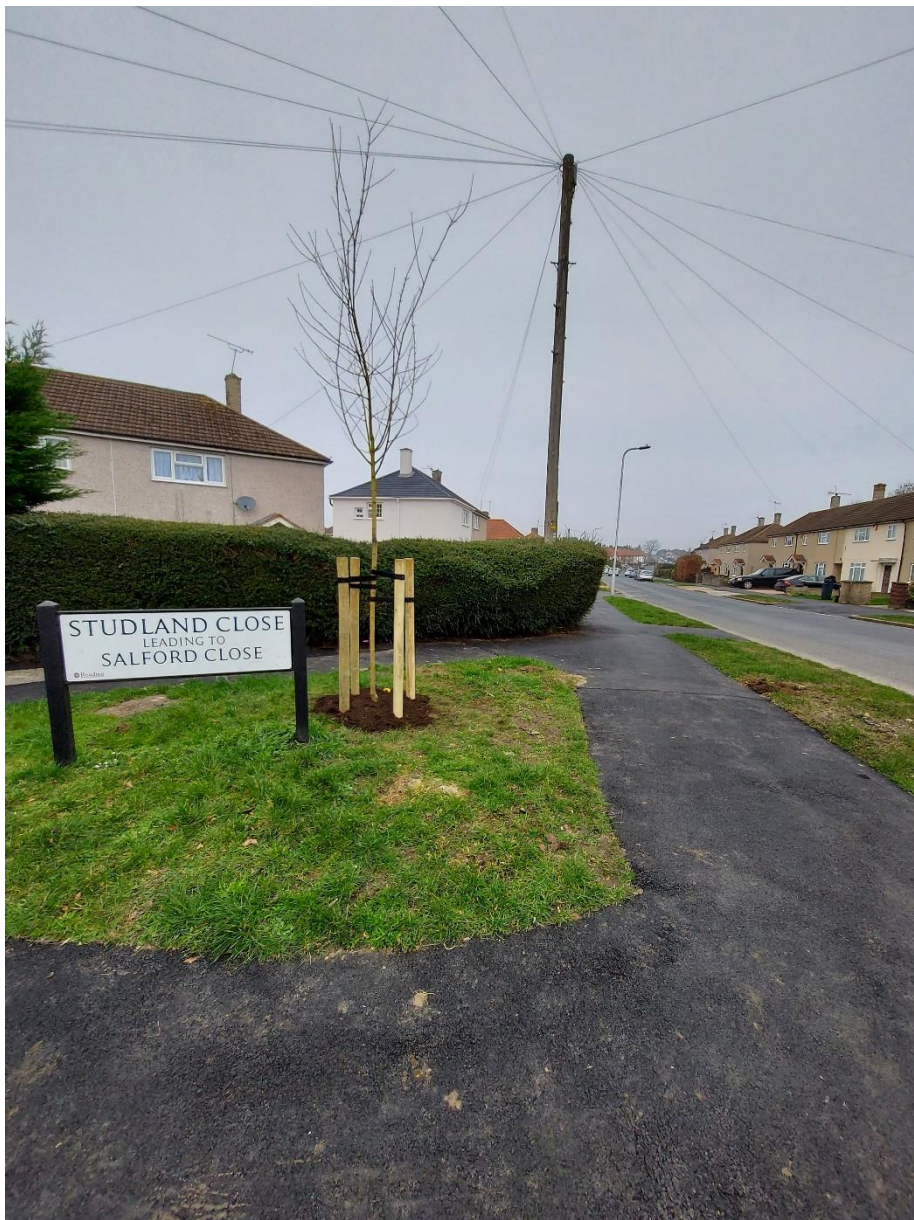


Tree Planting Associated with the Pavement Programme:

The team are tree planting where they can as part of the pavement programme. Our Highway team will excavate the tree pits and Parks will install appropriate trees. We propose to include this in all future year footway programmes including where possible the reduction of tarmac areas / reducing where possible the widths of very wide tarmac pavements to install a verge strip with trees and bollards to protect them.

- Ambrook - 15 trees Proposed
- Foxhays - Number to be agreed with Parks in open space.
- Holberton - Number to be agreed with Parks in open space.
- Shirley Ave - Number to be agreed with Parks.
- Torrington Road - Number to be agreed with Parks.
- Newcastle Road - Number to be agreed with Parks.

Highways looking to plant approx. **200** trees Borough Wide as part of the Residential Investment Programme. First 100 ordered by Parks and will be planted shortly.



Other schemes:

Town Centre Enhancement and Welcome Back Funds:

The Council are funding £450k towards improvements in the Town Centre and Highways are relaying large areas of block paving which has sunken or been repeatedly dug up by utility companies. We have also repainted 271 streetlighting columns, 50 bollards and refurbished 15 steel litter bins. More works to follow.

The Welcome Back Fund: The Govt. has also provided £ 250k towards improving access to shopping areas as part of the Covid Pandemic recovery.

Highways element includes the removal of the step in the Broad Street Central Seating area & the removal of a kerb upstand adjacent a disabled parking bay in Kings Road.

6 additional pedestrian dropped crossings are shortly to be installed at outlying shopping areas as part of this fund.



Broad Street Seating Area (during works) After Works



Litter Bin Refurbishment & Column Painting



Kings Road Disabled Parking Bay

And finally, we plan to deliver up 400 more Residential Roads and 20 more Pavement schemes during Year-3 (2022/23) starting in Spring 2022.

Any Questions?

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