Briefing Note Cllr McCarthy
– 29th May 2013
Highways Investment Programme

Roads resurfaced to date

The following roads have been resurfaced during the latest phase of the programme:

- Suffolk Road Barking
- Sparsholt Road
- Dagenham Avenue (Goresbrook Park to Goresbrook Road)
- Elstow Road
- Holgate Road
- Heynes Road
- Campden Crescent
- Heynes Road
- Valence Circus
- James Avenue (Carriageway reconstruction is ongoing)

Roads due to be resurfaced

The following roads are due to be resurfaced to the following timetable:

- **Broad Street**
  - 28th May - 31st May 2013
- **Adomar Road**
  - 3rd June - 4th June 2013
- **Aylmer Road**
  - 5th June - 7th June 2013
- **Windsor Road**
  - 10th June - 11th June 2013
- **Charlecote Road**
  - 12th June - 14th June 2013
- **Carey Road**
  - 17th June 2103
- **Neville Road**
  - 18th June - 19th June 2013
- **Neville Gardens**
  - 20th June - 21st June 2013
- **Seabrook Road**
  - 20th June - 21st June 2013
- **Warrington Square**
  - 24th June - 25th June 2013
- **Rowlands Road**
  - 26th June - 28th June 2103
- **Station Road**
  - 1st July - 5th July 2013
- **Salisbury Avenue**
  - 22nd July - 13th August 2013
- **Parsloes Avenue**
  - 14th August - 30th August 2103

Publicity

A webpage has been created within the Transport and Streets section of the council website:

[http://www.lbld.gov.uk/TransportAndStreets/Pages/HighwaysInvestmentProgramme.aspx](http://www.lbld.gov.uk/TransportAndStreets/Pages/HighwaysInvestmentProgramme.aspx)

which contains all the latest information on the programme including a list of the roads that have been resurfaced and a timetable for future work. The advantage of this is that the site can be updated as and when there are changes to the schedule.
In addition to this we are commissioning a sign to be placed in streets where resurfacing work is about to take place. Text is still being decided but the following has been proposed:

Barking and Dagenham Council. Investing in roads, improving your highways (in large text) This road is being resurfaced as part of our £6m Highways Improvement Programme. www.lbbd.gov.uk/hip (in smaller text)

Ruth Du-Lieu – Service Manager Highways and Environmental Design
Dear Resident,

**Highway Investment Programme**

As part of our commitment to continually improve the condition of roads in the borough, the Council will be carrying out carriageway resurfacing works in Carey Road.

The works will involve the removal of the existing deteriorated road surface and replacing it with a new asphalt surface.

Our contractor will commence work Monday 17th June 2013, and it is anticipated to take approximately 1 day to complete.

The Councils contractor will endeavor to keep inconvenience to residents to a minimum; therefore to help the smooth running of the works, it is essential that vehicles are removed from the working area between the hours of 07.30 – 17.30. We would advise any residents that are planning to go on holiday during this period to make sure that vehicles are not parked on the road; as failure to do so may result in your vehicle being relocated nearby on the day.

Refuse collections for the road will be carried out before 07.30 on the dedicated day.

I would like to thank residents for their co-operation in this matter

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our contractor Marlborough Surfacing on 0207 749 9748.

Yours sincerely

Graham Nicholls
Project Manager
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Capital Delivery Unit
PRESS RELEASE

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ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME ENTERS HOME STRAIGHT

The council's latest road resurfacing programme is now nearly complete, with only seven more roads left to be completed.

So far 50 streets have been resurfaced since the £6m programme began last year, 19 of these since the start of April. At the moment workers are busy on Homestead Road, Dagenham. The final few roads which will be resurfaced later this year are Station Road, Salisbury Avenue, Shirley Gardens, Parsloes Avenue, James Avenue, Temple Avenue, Ripple Road and Lodge Avenue.

A total of 59 roads were included in the Highways Improvement Programme. They were chosen because they were in the worst condition compared to other borough roads. Also, priority was given to roads with schools.

Barking and Dagenham Council is currently running a campaign called Save our Streets, which aims to secure more funds to tackle potholes on local streets.

Cllr Mick McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "£6m might sound like a lot of money, but actually in terms of road resurfacing, and considering the number of highways under our control, it isn't a huge sum. We chose these roads very carefully, and to have managed to resurface XX roads is a good result.

"We hope to be able to announce another highways improvement programme in the near future, but we are also doing our best to secure more funds for local highway maintenance. This kind of programme - planned maintenance where a whole road is resurfaced - is by far the most economical way of investing in highways. Simply patching a pothole is an inefficient use of resources because the work does not last and has to be re-done. That is why we're campaigning for more funds so we can do more planned maintenance programmes like this.

"I would encourage everyone to back our campaign by signing our Save Our Streets petition."

Barking and Dagenham Council's Save Our Streets petition can be found here: xxxxxxxxxx

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Valence Ward – Highways Improvements Members update

**Reactive Maintenance**
We carry out regular safety inspections of the carriageway and footway in Valence Ward. Where we find defects such as damaged kerbing and potholes and these are within our intervention levels we carry out repairs. In all, in the past four years we have spent £220,000 on these repairs in Valence ward.

**Planned Maintenance**
In order to maintain the highways as a Council asset, we invested funding into the resurfacing of carriageways. On average this prolongs the life of the carriageway for a further 15 years. We decide which carriageways to resurface based on a condition survey which identifies those roads in the worst condition borough wide. In the last highways investment programme we prioritised those roads around schools.
In the past two years we have invested over £400,000 into Valance ward resurfacing the following roads:
- Kemp Road, Neville Road, Neville Gardens, Seabrook Ave, Warrington Road, Rowlands Road, Homestead Road, Bonham Road, Bonham Road & Gardens, Grafton Road, Warrington Square.

**Road Safety Improvements**
We have carried out a number of road safety improvements in consultation with residents:
- Green Lane - new road markings including cycle lanes and pedestrian crossings, as well as speed tables at road crossings located on major junctions – west of Green Lane (near the shopping area).
- Kemp Road - traffic calming installed chicanes to reduce vehicle speed.
- Claridge Road – Controlled Parking Scheme including parking restrictions at the road junction – improving parking for the residents and also to reduce commuter parking.
- Bentry Road – Relocate parking disabled bays following accident. Possible future car parking scheme.

**Street Lighting**
In Valence Avenue the Council has replaced all the lanterns as part of the energy reduction programme. The majority were 250w and have been replaced with 140w White light and a remote monitoring system. As well as reducing the cost of electricity they give a far better light.
PRESS RELEASE

25/09/2012

A £6 million programme of highways improvements have been approved by Barking and Dagenham Council’s cabinet.

The money will be used to re-surface 59 roads across the borough over the next two years. These streets have been chosen because they are the ones in the worst condition. Priority has also been given to roads which contain schools. Care has also been taken to include all areas of Barking and Dagenham so the funding is evenly spread.

Checks will be made to remove any unnecessary posts, bollards, signs or other street furniture from pavements. Speed limits will be painted on the road to reduce the need for signs. Lines will be re-painted to improve road safety and make it clear where cars can park safely.

The improvements come on the back of the £22m Highways Improvement Programme which was completed across nine different areas in 2011.

Cllr Mick McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: “This £6m will be spent wisely, and will deliver lasting improvements to these roads. It has not been an easy decision to choose which streets will get re-surfaced, but we’ve tried to be fair and to pick the worst cases and those roads which have schools.

“Unfortunately, we still have some roads that are in bad condition and in need of resurfacing. The sad fact is that we simply don’t have the resources to carry out the kind of highways improvement that we would like to do. That’s where we feel the government should be stepping in.

“Later this year we will be launching a campaign to make the case that the government needs to put more money into improving road surfaces. We know this is an issue that motorists care about, so I hope anyone who is annoyed by pot-holes will back our campaign.”

27/02/2013

More than half of Barking and Dagenham Council’s Highways Improvement Programme has been completed, with 33 streets now re-surfaced.

The roads are the first of 59 which will be improved as part of the £6m scheme, taking 18 months. Roads have been chosen because they were among the worst in the borough in terms of potholes, and were beyond the state where patchwork repairs could be carried out. Priority was also given to streets with schools, and care was taken to include all areas of the borough so the funding was evenly spread.

Some of the streets to have benefited from the programme so far include Grafton Road, Bonham Road, Barnmead Road and Rugby Road in Dagenham, and Upney Lane, Keir Hardie Way, Dawson Avenue and Hurstbourne Gardens in Barking.

All of the roads scheduled for resurfacing during 2012/13 have now been completed.

Roads due for resurfacing in the next 12 months include Dagenham Avenue, Broad Street, Parsloes Avenue, Valence Circus, Salisbury Avenue and Station Road in Chadwell Heath.
As well as resurfacing, unnecessary street clutter such as bollards, post and signs have been removed. Speed limits have been painted on roads to reduce the need for signs, and lines repainted.

Barking and Dagenham Council is currently campaigning for improved funding for local highway maintenance from the government. Through the Save our Streets campaign the council is calling on the government to increase funds for highways repair, which have been falling year. The campaign also calls for annual settlements to be replaced by larger five year grants, meaning councils can invest greater sums in planned maintenance.

Cllr Mick McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: “We’ve carefully selected the roads that will benefit from a share of this £6m Highways Improvement Programme. We’ve done our best to choose some of the worst roads and to spread the programme so that all parts of the borough will see some improvements.

“However, resurfacing work is not cheap and there are many roads which we haven’t been able to include. That’s why we’re campaigning for more funds to make proper road improvements which motorists deserve to see.”

Notes for editors

This £6m Highways Improvement Programme comes off the back of a £22m programme completed across nine different areas up to 2011. The complete list of streets due to be resurfaced can be found at: