

The evidence is clear: Surface dressing and encapsulation protects our local roads

Do you want to see the evidence of how well surface dressing and encapsulation protects our local roads?

Then look no further than this road, in a county town in the West Midlands of the UK. This is a key inner link road around the south of the town. These photos are from sections of the road just either side of a roundabout, which connects the link road to another road, heading into the town centre.

The first images are of a badly potholed section of untreated asphalt road surface on one side of the roundabout. The other photos are from a section just on the other side of the roundabout, which was surface dressed including encapsulation, around three to four years ago, and showing zero potholes.

These are all sections of the same road, with the same traffic. Just look at the difference between the first and second set of images!

Kevin Maw, Secretary and Consultant of the REA said, "We need to ensure that we're applying surface dressing consistently across our local roads to see the full benefits, which are on full display on the treated section of road.

"Surface dressing and encapsulation are proven to improve the longevity of our road surfaces, offering a cost effective and more environmentally friendly solution for future proofing our local roads".





A county town road in the West Midlands
Treated local road (surface dressing and encapsulation).