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To: The Occupier
Bickenhill Road

Your Ref.
Our Ref. PP/br

Please ask for: Paul Price

Date: 14 September 2010

Dear Sir/Madam

Resurfacing works and traffic calming maintenance – Bickenhill Road

I am writing to inform you that we will be resurfacing the above road.

I have enclosed an information pack containing:

- **Explanation of how we resurface**
- **Warning of disreputable contractors**

When will this happen?

Weather permitting; work will commence Monday 18th October 2010 for approx 5 weeks.

Time of work

Work will be restricted to Monday - Friday between 8.00am and 5.30 pm.

TRAFFIC INFORMATION

Due to the width along this section of Bickenhill Road it will be necessary to close the road to through traffic whilst the works are being undertaken. Residents and visitors will be allowed access to their properties during this time and a diversion route will be in place along Coleshill Road for the duration of the works. Unfortunately, when works are being carried out directly in front of your property there may be times when access is temporally restricted. However I can assure you we will make every effort to keep this to an absolute minimum. In order for work to be carried out with the minimum of disruption, please ensure your vehicle is not parked or obstructing the road during the time work is due to take place.

We will not carry out any works to private driveways and if you are approached by anyone about this type of work it is likely that this will be by a disreputable contractor. If you are approached, we advise you to follow the enclosed guidelines.

For further information on this work, please contact me on 0121-704-6121.

Yours faithfully

Paul Price
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SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL CARRIAGEWAY RESURFACING WORKS

Introduction

The Borough Council is responsible for the maintenance of the Highway network. When a road has extensive surface irregularities and defects it is necessary to remove the surface and replace with a new layer.

Why resurface the carriageway?

The following benefits are achieved:

- Enhance the load bearing capacity of the road
- Renew the structural integrity of the carriageway
- Remove surface irregularities with new even layers
- Reduce traffic noise

Why is the process done now?

A carriageway that has exceeded its design life displays large areas of "cracking" and deformation i.e. "rutting". The replacement of the top layer at this time is a cost-effective solution to restoring the roads sustainable life.

Health & Safety Awareness

Please ensure that you observe all signs and barriers and keep well away from machinery and materials. During periods of hot/dry weather the levels of dust and fumes may temporarily increase in the atmosphere.

The Method of Working

The top layer of surface is mechanically removed to a depth of 40mm.

The top layer is then replaced using new materials. This results in a surface free of irregularities and a road with a design life in excess of 15 years.

New road markings will be laid on completion of the resurfacing works.

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ASSISTANCE, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK ANY MEMBER OF STAFF ON SITE, OR CONTACT 0121-704-6512 / 6121.

REMEMBER

If a contractor calls at your home:-

- a) **DO NOT** let anybody into your home without proper identification.
- b) Reputable tarmac firms do not need to knock on doors.
- c) Council staff do not knock on doors asking for work.
- d) Do not be talked into having work done because it is cheap.
THERE ARE NO BARGAINS
- e) Like any other expensive job, don't settle for the first price, get several quotations.
- f) Ensure the quotation is on headed paper and specifies the work to be done.
- g) **DO NOT** part with any money before work is complete.
- h) Faults may not show up immediately, but after three months it may be difficult to trace the contractors.

If you require any further advice please do not hesitate to telephone the Trading Standards Division on 0121 704-6844

THE LOCAL POLICE ADVISE YOU TO CONTACT THEM IF:-

- a) Someone starts to dig up your drive without your permission. This may amount to criminal damage.
- b) If you are threatened, attacked or money is forcibly taken from you.

Contact your local Police Station on the following telephone number,

0845-113-5000, or alternatively dial 999.