**COUNTY COUNCILLOR ERIC VARDY – REPORT MAY 2023**

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| **Norfolk’s annual road surface dressing work now underway** |
| Work is now underway across Norfolk on the annual spring and summer surface dressing project. The work is carried out between April and September every year while the weather is warmer.  This year 280 miles of Norfolk’s roads will get a new seal to help prevent potholes opening up, extend the life of the road, and provide a new skid-resistant surface to reduce the risk of accidents.  The team aims to get the holiday areas and main roads treated first so they are complete before the start of the summer season. The warm, dry weather over the past week has allowed 190,000 square metres of work to be completed so far, mainly in areas in West Norfolk and around Greater Norwich.  The new seal consists of a thin layer of bitumen and chippings which is laid onto the road. This helps prevent water penetration and helps stop potholes opening up.  People are urged to drive slowly and considerately across the new surface until it is bedded in and highway teams return to sweep up the loose stones. The action of vehicles passing over the new surface plays an important part in helping the new surface to settle in.  The County Council thanks people for their patience while this essential road surface maintenance work is underway.  280 miles of Norfolk’s roads will get a new seal to help prevent potholes opening up, extend the life of the road, and provide a new skid-resistant surface to reduce the risk of accidents.  The team aims to get the holiday areas and main roads treated first so they are complete before the start of the summer season. The warm, dry weather over the past week has allowed 190,000 square metres |