

# A66

## Warcop

Carriageway surfacing and safety improvement scheme



**Over the years, the carriageway along the A66 in Warcop has deteriorated in the area, with pot holes and defects forming. We're planning to carry out comprehensive repairs between Warcop and Flitholme. This is needed to restore sections of carriageway, to ensure it's safe and in a serviceable condition.**

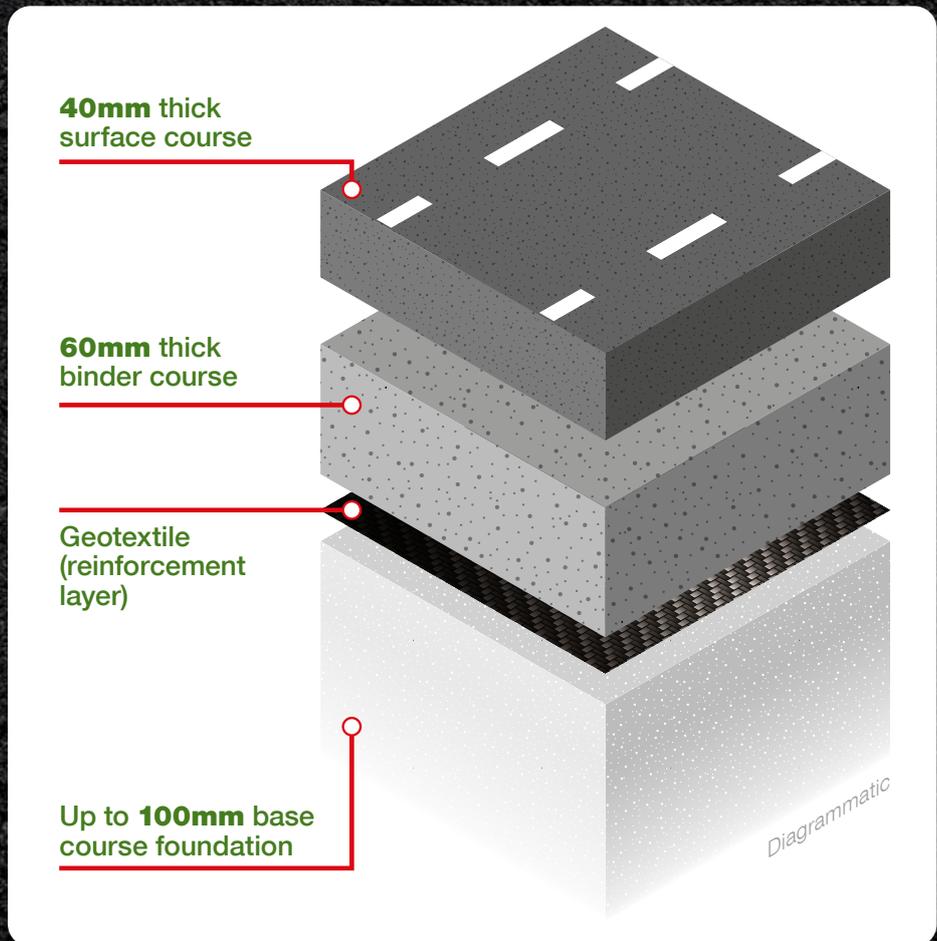
At the same time, we also plan to carry out some safety improvements at both the Flitholme and Langrigg junctions. This will entail installing interactive road signs, to alert road users on the A66 when vehicles are waiting to turn.

We will begin our work from 16 January 2022 for around seven weeks. This will take place overnight between 8pm and 6am, when traffic flows are at their lowest. As the repairs are subject to weather conditions, dates may change at short notice.

## Carriageway repairs

Some of the repairs needed are quite extensive. To restore these sections of carriageway, we need to excavate to a depth of 200mm to remove the damaged layers. We'll then lay the base course before the reinforcing layer of Geotextile to strengthen the road.

A temporary road surface will be put in place to ensure the carriageway is safe to use during the day. Once we have completed all of the extensive repairs, the carriageway will be resurfaced with the permanent, smoother road surface, before white lines and road studs are replaced.



*Example of an interactive road sign*

## Interactive road signs

Before we start repairing the carriageway, we will prepare the new foundations for the two interactive signs. Once the carriageway repairs and surfacing work is complete, we will attach the new signs.

The signs will be solar powered, and sensors will be installed into the road surface, which will activate the signs.





## Traffic management

For safety, we will need to close one side of the A66 between Warcop and Brough each night. To ensure we maintain journeys for the road user, we will have convoy working in place. This means motorists will be escorted past our work area at 10mph, allowing access at all times.

The traffic management will be placed in no more than 200m sections at a time, Sunday to Thursday, between 8pm and 6am.

Occasionally, we will need to restrict access at some side roads. Our site team will be available at these locations to allow safe access for emergency vehicles or residents to their properties. Other traffic will need to use alternative routes.

While our work is taking place overnight, we expect there will be some delays. We strongly recommend you allow additional time and check your journey before travel. We understand these works may cause you some disruption and we thank you for your patience.

## A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project

The resurfacing work is separate to the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project. At the moment, there are archaeologists carrying out surveys along sections of the route, to discover what historic artefacts may be buried in the ground.

To find out more about the project, please visit the webpage at:

[nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/a66-northern-trans-pennine/](https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-work/a66-northern-trans-pennine/)

You can also follow **@A66NTP** on Twitter and **A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project** on Facebook.

Alternatively, you can email the project team at [A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A66NTP@highwaysengland.co.uk) or phone **0333 090 1192**.

# Is your vehicle ready for winter?

Whatever the weather we all need to carry out the necessary checks on our vehicles and make sure they're safe and ready. Now we're in the winter months when severe weather is forecast, here is some advice to help you on your journey:



 **In snow and ice**, drivers should **stick to the main roads** where they can and only travel if really necessary.

 **In high winds**, there's a particular risk to lorries, caravans and motorbikes, so drivers should **slow down and avoid using exposed sections of road** if possible.

 **In heavy rain**, drivers should **keep well back** from the vehicle in front, gradually ease off the accelerator if the steering becomes unresponsive, **and slow down** if the rain and spray from vehicles makes it difficult to see and be seen.

 **In fog**, drivers should **switch on their fog lights** and not use lights on full beam as the fog will reflect the light back. If you really cannot see, you should consider stopping in a safe place until conditions improve.

## Things to pack:

-   Warm clothes
-   Torch
-   Ice scraper
-   Boots
-   Snow shovel
-   Blankets
-   Food
-   Water
-   De-icer
-   Fully charged mobile phone (and car charger)

**Drivers are advised to follow messages on the overhead signs and listen to radio updates.**

## How to find out more

To stay up to date with all planned maintenance work on the A66 in the north-west please visit our webpage at:

[www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a66-maintenance](http://www.nationalhighways.co.uk/a66-maintenance)

If you have any questions, you can contact us on the details below:

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