

Winter Maintenance Statement

Lower Acre, One Horton Heath

November 2025

Hampshire County Council (HCC) have recently reviewed their salt route priorities and carriageways forming part of the public highway network that meet criteria for road salting, allocated to one of two groupings which are shown below:

Priority One Routes	Priority Two Community Routes
Priority One routes carry the majority of all traffic. These include all 'A' class roads that the County Council is responsible for, other traffic sensitive routes, access roads to emergency services establishments, major bus routes, large schools and sites classed as locally critical infrastructure by the County Council's Emergency Planning team. Priority One routes are treated in advance of any forecasted ice, frost or snow. We carry out this treatment ahead of the forecasted conditions to ensure the most effective results.	Priority Two Community Routes include single routes to villages, schools, and other emergency and public services not already treated. Priority Two Community Routes may be treated when there is prolonged and persistent frost, ice or snow which is expected to continue. This occurs only after clearing Priority One routes and when there is enough time to treat them without affecting any of the Priority One routes.

The Avenue has been classified as a C road with 30 mph limit and therefore, in line with HCC's policy, we would class it as a **Priority Two Community Route** which may be treated when there is prolonged and persistent frost, ice or snow which is expected to continue. HCC are not able to provide this service and Neighbourhoods and Green spaces do not have the appropriate equipment or storage facilities, so have appointed an outside contractor to carry out this work when necessary.

The gritting period is from 1st November to 31st March, and The Avenue will be gritted whenever the road surface temperature hits 0 degrees or below.