

Coloured Surfacing Policy

1. Oxfordshire County Council, as the Highway Authority, is responsible for the provision and maintenance of coloured surfacing on the network throughout Oxfordshire excluding motorways and trunk roads.
2. This policy includes guidance on the provision and replacement of applied coloured surfacing on roads, cycleways and bus lanes, it does not include white lining or markings.
3. Coloured surfaces are not considered as signs or road markings and therefore have no legal status.
4. Applied coloured surfacing is less durable and is more expensive to maintain and installed than a tarmac road surface.

Policy: CSP1

Oxfordshire County Council aims to reduce the amount of coloured surfacing which the Authority is responsible for on its network.

Policy: CSP2

Oxfordshire County Council will only accept the provision of new coloured surfacing as a measure of last resort and should be used in combination with other signs and markings.

5. Oxfordshire County Council will consider the provision or replacement of coloured surfacing on a case by case basis and permission must be sought from the County's Maintenance Teams. Refer to the Oxfordshire Coloured Surfacing Procedure for details.

Policy: CSP3

Oxfordshire County Council will allow applied coloured surfacing;

- where all other alternatives have been considered and there is no viable alternative
- where the whole life cost of the applied surfacing has been calculated and accounted for
- where there is demonstrated safety need for its provision
- it enhances the natural or urban environment (in the case of public realm or public rights of way schemes)

Policy: CSP4

Oxfordshire County Council will not generally replace Coloured Surfacing apart from localised repairs

Service Aims

1. Oxfordshire County Council will reduce the amount of coloured surfacing on Oxfordshire's network
2. Oxfordshire County Council will increase funding for the maintenance of coloured surfacing where it is specified
3. Oxfordshire County Council will improve durability and service life of applied coloured surfacing

- Highway Safety Procedure
- [OCC Highways Asset Management Plan](#)
- [Highway Safety Inspection Policy](#)
- [Oxfordshire Cycling Design Standards](#)
- [Design Manual of Roads and Bridges TA 81/16 – Coloured Surfacing in Road Layout](#)