

## Widespread Black Ice Problem - Saturday 18 January 2020

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 16:17

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Saturday 18/1/2020.

It would appear there was a widespread problem with Black Ice on pavements, car parks etc.

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## Re: Widespread Black Ice Problem - Saturday 18 January 2020

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 16:19

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----- Original Message -----

Sent: Sunday, 19 Jan, 2020 At 10:07

Subject: Eastwood Park/Leisure Centre - Black Ice - treacherous and dangerous - Saturday 18/1/2020

Attended Gym at Eastwood Park 08:50 - 10:10 Saturday morning 18 January 2020.

There were Leisure Centre staff? advising traffic at the entrance from the main road warning of treacherous and dangerous conditions with sheet ice & black ice on the roads, in the car parks and surrounding pavements.

Indeed they were correct. It was very treacherous and dangerous !

Myself and many others were slipping and sliding all over the place.

There was no evidence of gritting and salting having taken place.

Can you clarify what the problem was with the lack of gritting and salting the roads, the car parks and surrounding pavements in the park.

The Centre Staff said they had contacted the Council.

Please clarify the time when the Council were advised about the black ice and the time when the area was eventually gritted and salted.

You will be aware that this lack of gritting and salting has been raised as a problem for the last 5-6 years.

Your help with this matter will be appreciated.

Thanks

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**Re: Widespread Black Ice Problem - Saturday 18 January 2020**

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 16:22

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Reply from Cllr(and Convener for Environment) Alan Lafferty -

----- Original Message -----

From: "Lafferty, A (Cllr)" <

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Sent: Sunday, 19 Jan, 2020 At 14:20

Subject: RE: Eastwood Park/Leisure Centre - Black Ice - treacherous and dangerous - Saturday 18/1/2020

The information below is available on the Council Website.

## Priority gritting routes

Find out how we prioritise which roads get gritted first.

Our staff work 24 hours on standby during the winter.

We get road updates from a specialist forecasting service at least three times a day. Roadside sensors also send information to help check road conditions.

This helps us decide what action to take.

## Roads

### Roads priority gritting routes

#### Priority 1

Strategic and main traffic routes

A77 Fenwick Road

A77 Ayr Road

A727 Busby to Spiersbridge

A736 Glasgow Road to Lochlibo Road

B769 Stewarton Road

B767 Busby to Eaglesham

#### Priority 2

One access route to fire stations

Major bus routes

School bus routes notified by SPT (may not include the full route)

Priority 3

Other B class roads

Priority 4

Local employment areas such as industrial estates

Priority 5

C class roads and unclassified public roads

Priority 6

Access to isolated homes

Priority 7

Prospective public roads

Priority 8

Private roads

During normal winter weather, we grit priority 1 to 3 routes and some priority 4 and 5 routes. We'll grit these routes on first and second runs.

During severe winter weather we may need to concentrate on priority 1 and 2 routes.

We'll grit other routes if the severe weather continues and other priority routes stay clear.

Online map of gritted roads

Pavements and paths

Pavement gritting priorities

Priority 1

Shopping areas

Priority 2

Areas used by many people - such as train station entrances

Priority 3

Steep hills in housing areas, old people's homes and sheltered housing

Priority 4

One pavement along the front of each school

We grit pavements once all priority routes are deemed safe and clear and if we have the resource to do so.

Contact

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Cllr Alan Lafferty

Labour & Co-operative Member Ward 4

Convener for Environment

East Renfrewshire Council

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## Re: Widespread Black Ice Problem - Saturday 18 January 2020

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 16:24

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----- Original Message -----

To: &quot;Lafferty, A (Cllr)&quot; <

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Sent: Sunday, 19 Jan, 2020 At 16:14

Subject: RE: Eastwood Park/Leisure Centre - Black Ice - treacherous and dangerous - Saturday 18/1/2020

Hi Alan

Systems/priorities can be changed. Is that not what Councillors do for their constituents?

What use is this system when it doesn't actually help your constituents when they need it?

Maybe you can suggest how this situation can be avoided in the future.

As it is a public facility and you always know your constituents will be accessing/using the facilities why can't this be added as a priority?

I would request that you help your constituents and raise this at the first appropriate opportunity.

As a senior constituent and trying to keep fit by attending the gym it's ironic that I have to take evasive action to avoid breaking a leg and/or dislocating a hip to get there and any injury to myself is viewed as not a priority.

Again, your help will be appreciated.

Thanks

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**Re: Widespread Black Ice Problem - Saturday 18 January 2020**

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 16:25

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----- Original Message -----

To: &quot;Lafferty, A (Cllr)&quot;

Sent: Tuesday, 21 Jan, 2020 At 16:37

Subject: RE: Eastwood Park/Leisure Centre - Black Ice - treacherous and dangerous - Saturday 18/1/2020

Hi Alan

I understand that the Roads Department have confirmed that there was an oversight by the contractor and that Eastwood Park was not gritted in the early hours of Saturday morning.

As you are Convener for Environment I am surprised that you are not aware of this and even more

surprised that you have not passed this information on.

Thanks

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## Re: Widespread Black Ice Problem - Saturday 18 January 2020

Posted by RM64 - 27 Jan 2020 16:28

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Sent: 27 January 2020 11:04

To: Lafferty, A (Cllr)

Subject: RE: Eastwood Park/Leisure Centre - Black Ice - treacherous and dangerous - Saturday 18/1/2020

Hi Alan

As said below, It would appear there was a problem and that we were paying for a service that was not provided.

Would appreciate if you can now give the requested information

- Can you clarify what the problem was with the lack of gritting and salting the roads, the car parks and surrounding pavements in the park.

- The Centre Staff said they had contacted the Council.

- Please clarify the time when the Council were advised about the black ice and the time when the area was eventually gritted and salted.

Your help in clearing up and resolving what went wrong regarding this matter is appreciated.



Thanks

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