

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT
2.	Date:	18 April 2011
3.	Title:	PETITION REQUESTING RESURFACING OF CARRIAGEWAY ON CHAPEL WALK, RAWMARSH
4.	Directorate:	ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

5. Summary

Reports the concerns raised by residents of Chapel Walk and Chapel Way at Rawmarsh in a petition about the current condition of the road and requesting resurfacing.

6. Recommendations

That the lead petitioner be informed that resurfacing of Chapel Walk, Rawmarsh will be assessed for priority for the works to be considered as part of a future maintenance scheme programme and in the interim any further repairs required to maintain safety for uses will be arranged as part of the highways safety inspection process.

7. Proposals and Details

A petition signed by 26 residents of Chapel Walk and Chapel Way was received by the Chief Executive's Office on 10 March 2011 (copy attached).

Chapel Walk is a cul de sac approximately 170m in length and at its narrowest point less than 3m in width. A plan of the site is attached for information.

In response to the petition Chapel Walk was visited on 16 March 2011 to reassess its condition. The surface of the road was seen to have suffered damage over the winter period and a large number of small localised surface repairs have been undertaken. These were most frequent along the narrow section of road north of Chapel Way where traffic in both directions tends to use the same wheel tracks because of the width of the road.

The majority of the defects observed appeared to be evidence of surface failure rather than indicating structural problems with the road pavement.

At the time of the inspection the road was seen to be in a safe condition for use with no further immediate repairs required. Streetpride operate a system of safety inspections for all our highways in order to identify and repair any defects that could present a potential hazard to users in a timely manner. The frequency of these inspections on Chapel Walk exceeds national good practice guidance.

Officers within Streetpride are currently redrafting the programme of road resurfacing and repair for 2011/12 to take account of the damage experienced across the road network following the severe weather during December 2010. Repairs to the surface of Chapel Walk will be considered for this programme. However, the volume of repairs required is likely to exceed the resources available, despite the recent announcement from the Department of Transport that additional funding is to be allocated to local authorities to help with the weather damage and a decision by the Council to invest in additional maintenance for roads. For this reason we cannot at this time guarantee that Chapel Walk will feature in the final programme of work for this summer.

As stated above Chapel Walk is a relatively short cul de sac which only serves as access to the properties along it. It is unfortunately the case that many roads, including classified roads, which carry a lot more traffic, are in similar or worse condition than Chapel Walk. All of the sites requiring repairs will be carefully assessed for their priority within the programme and details of the proposed work will be reported to Members and made available on the Council's web site.

Once assessed for priority the resurfacing of Chapel Walk will be considered for future repair programmes even if not included in the schedule of works for this year.

8. Finance

Road resurfacing works are principally funded by the annual LTP Maintenance Capital Grant allocation.

For the three year period 2011-14 this is being supplemented by a £3m programme of road repairs funded as part of the Council's Strategic Capital Programme.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Funding available is insufficient to undertake resurfacing of all the roads that are in need of maintenance. The programme will need to be carefully prioritised to maximise the benefits achieved from the funding and inevitably some residents will be disappointed that their street did not get repaired.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The draft Corporate Plan indicates a commitment to make sure roads and footpaths meet at least national average standards with an outcome for safe and well maintained roads.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Copy of petition attached.

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