



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL
Cabinet Highways
Committee

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Report of: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLACE

Date: 10 November 2011

Subject: Petition from residents of Heads Lane, Bolsterstone, regarding the condition of the road surface.

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Summary: To advise members of the current position regarding the condition of the road surface at Heads Lane, Bolsterstone.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Cabinet Highways committee approve the proposals in this report.

Background Papers:

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
YES /NO Cleared by:
Legal Implications
YES /NO Cleared by:
Equality of Opportunity Implications
YES /NO Cleared by:
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
YES /NO
Human rights Implications
YES /NO:
Environmental and Sustainability implications
YES /NO
Economic impact
YES /NO
Community safety implications
YES /NO
Human resources implications
YES /NO
Property implications
YES /NO
Area(s) affected
Minor Road in Northern Community Assembly
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader
Councillor Leigh Bramall
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
YES /NO
Press release
YES /NO

DIRECTOR, PLACE

REPORT TO THE CABINET HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

DATE: 10 November 2011

**TITLE: PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF HEADS LANE REGARDING THE
CONDITION OF THE ROAD SURFACE**

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 A 14 signature petition was received on 3 October 2011 from residents of Heads Lane, Bolsterstone requesting a long term solution to the poor road condition.

It is recognised that the road surface at Heads Lane, Bolsterstone is considered to be in a generally poor condition largely due to minor undulations as a result of numerous patching repairs. However the most recent inspection carried out in October 2011, following receipt of this petition found the road surface to be in a safe condition, with no defects at intervention level (see attached photographs).

When assessed against other roads citywide Heads Lane does not meet the criteria set out in the current Street Maintenance Policy to warrant inclusion in the current resurfacing programmes.

It is not envisaged that any substantial resurfacing at Heads Lane will be undertaken prior to the commencement of the Highways Maintenance PFI Project, which is due to commence April – June 2012.

The proposed highways PFI will improve the condition of the highways network from a poor to a fair standard, within the initial 5 – 7 year core investment period and maintain it at the improved standard for the remainder of the 25 year contract.

2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE PEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD

- 2.1 No significant Impact

3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 No specific issues

4.0 MAIN BODY OF REPORT

- 4.1 BACKGROUND

Heads Lane is a narrow single track rural access road approximately 1.3km long, which provides access to properties from Sunny Bank Road, Bolsterstone

Heads Lane is in the lowest category within the city councils highway network hierarchy (unclassified rural road) and is subject to an annual inspection to identify defects that are likely to create danger or serious inconvenience to road users. The current intervention levels on carriageways is 20mm vertical trips to potholes, adjacent ironwork etc

Heads Lane is inspected in August of each year as part of Sheffield City Council's highway inspection regime.

Additionally, Heads Lane has been inspected and repair work carried out in response to complaints received in February, May and June of 2011.

4.2 INITIAL PROPOSALS

To continue to carry out regular inspections of Heads Lane and arrange for any necessary repairs to defects that meet the current intervention levels in order to maintain the road in a safe condition.

4.3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There are no specific public consultation issues arising from this report

4.4 NEXT STEPS

None

4.5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific financial implications arising from this report

4.6 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

There are no specific equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

4.7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific environmental Implications as a result of this report.

4.8 PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

There are no property implications

4.9 PROGRESS

An additional inspection of Heads Lane was carried out in October 2011 on receiving this petition, but no actionable defects were present. *For information see attached photographs.*

All requests for resurfacing are assessed and prioritised in line with the city council's Street Maintenance Policy, Standards and Strategy Statement. For a road to be considered it must have major deterioration greater than 25% by area. Those that achieve this are then prioritised and the criteria is generally based on the traffic usage, ride quality and if the road forms part of a bus route or complements an integrated transport scheme. Whilst Heads Lane has been assessed when ranked against other roads it does not reach the criteria to warrant inclusion in our current resurfacing programme.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 No alternative options were considered as the proposals are in accordance with current City Council Policy.

6.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The recommendations are based on the Street Maintenance Policy Standards and Strategy Statement approved by Cabinet in May 2008.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Highways Committee approve the actions taken which are in accordance with the Council's Street Maintenance Policy, Standards and Strategy Statement.

John Charlton
Director, Street Force and
Deputy Executive Director, Place

10 November 2011









