



Report to Policy Committee

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Report to: Community, Parks and Leisure Policy Committee

Date of Decision: 20th December 2022

Subject: Mortomley Close Resurfacing

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| Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? 981 | | | | |
| Has appropriate consultation taken place? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Has a Climate Impact Assessment (CIA) been undertaken? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Appendix 2 is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). | | | | |

Purpose of Report:

To provide members of the Committee with information regarding the resurfacing work to Mortomley Close and to seek to agree next steps.

Recommendations:

That members of the Communities, Parks and Leisure Committee:

- Note the content of the report and agree to uphold the original decision and progress the resurfacing/repair work to Mortomley Close.
- Note that the road will continue to be an unadopted highway and the Council will not take on any further responsibility for future maintenance

Background Papers:

None

| Lead Officer to complete:- | |
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| 1 | I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required. |
| | Finance: Janinne Scarborough/Damian Watkinson |
| | Legal: Sarah Bennett |
| | Equalities & Consultation: |
| | Climate: |
| | <i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i> |
| 2 | SLB member who approved submission: Ajman Ali |
| 3 | Committee Chair consulted: Richard Williams |
| 4 | I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Committee by the SLB member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1. |
| | Lead Officer Name: Tammy Barrass |
| | Job Title: Head of Sport Leisure and Health |
| | Date: 06/12/2002 |

1. PROPOSAL

- 1.1 During the construction of the Thorncliffe Football Development in 2015, the Council required the use of Mortomley Close for construction traffic access. As part of the Planning Consultation process, the Council were required to write to all the residents on Mortomley Close informing them of the proposed use, the letter included a commitment to resurface the road when the development work was completed. (Please see Appendix 1)
- 1.2 At the time of writing to local residents, officers were of the opinion that the road was already in a poor state of repair and that the use by construction traffic was likely to cause further damage. However, due to some construction traffic accessing the site from Packhorse Lane and the fact that the proposed removal of soil from the site, did not happen, considerably less construction traffic used Mortomley Close, than was first envisaged.
- 1.3 An assessment of the road surface after the redevelopment did not identify further deterioration. For these reasons officers at the time took the decision not to progress the work to resurface Mortomley Close. Unfortunately, there was no communication with residents to advise them of the change to the original plans.
- 1.4 This has led to the Council receiving multiple questions from a range of sources, including in writing and at a range of public meetings (Co-operative Executive, Full Council, Local Area Committee etc) with residents and local groups expressing frustration about the lack of communication and transparency regarding the decision not to progress with the work.
- 1.5 The following concerns have been raised by local residents:
1. The original letter did not state to what level of disrepair the road should be in before the council resurfaced, the letter stated that the road would simply be resurfaced on completion of works.
 2. Given unadopted, small residential roads are designed for light usage, how can anyone argue that large construction vehicles would not contribute to medium- and long-term degradation of the highway?
 3. The number of vehicles that continually use Mortomley Close for access to the newly constructed football pitches is contributing to the wear and tear of the road. The road is not an access road or a car park to these facilities and residents suggest measures be put in place to reduce the number of vehicles accessing them via Mortomley Close.
 4. The road is the only access to Thorncliffe Community Sports Bar, this can also result in higher-than-normal traffic usage especially

on an evening or weekend as they have football teams playing on the football pitches.

5. The road is the only access to the BT Exchange centre where all BT and other utility vehicles are housed meaning the road is constantly used by them.

Although the resurfacing works have not yet taken place no formal decision not to carry out the works has been made and a budget of £16,500 is still available as part of the original Capital Project to develop the Thorncliffe Football Hub. This budget could still be used to make improvements to the Road Surface at Mortomley Close. This money is already allocated to this project and is not new money.

Officers have obtained a quote of £16,700 to carry out repair work to Mortomley Close:

Given the circumstances, a steer is now sought from this Committee on how to progress this matter. However, the officer recommendation is now to carry out the resurfacing as original planned.

2. HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

- 2.1 The work will contribute to the strategic goal for strong and connected neighbourhoods which people are happy to call home by reinstating the surface of the access road to properties on Mortomley Close as originally agreed.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

- 3.1 This decision does not require further public consultation.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality Implications

- 4.1.1 There are no significant equalities implications associated with this report.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

- 4.2.1 Funding of £16,500 remains unused as part of the original Capital Project to develop the Thorncliffe Football Hub. This could be utilised to make improvements to the Road Surface at Mortomley Close. This money is already allocated to this project and will not be an additional call on council funds, the small shortfall will be met from within existing fees budgets.

Legal Implications

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- 4.3.1 Mortomley Close is unadopted highway and is not therefore maintainable

at public expense. In addition, there is no suggestion that the road is dangerous and that works must be undertaken to obviate that danger.

4.3.2 Should works be undertaken to reflect the fact that it was used by construction traffic the like of which would ordinarily have no reason to use such a road this would not change the road's status as unadopted highway and the Council will not take on any further responsibility for future maintenance or liabilities.

4.3.3 Further advice is set out in Appendix 2.

4.4 Climate Implications

4.4.1 This proposal is to implement a decision that has already been agreed by Cabinet in 2015, there are no additional Climate Implications identified in this report.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The Council could decide not to undertake the resurfacing work at Mortomley Close for the reasons identified in sections 1.2 and 1.3 of this report. This option is not recommended as it is not in line with the original agreement made when the Thorncliffe Football Hub was developed in 2015.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 To ensure an agreed position regarding the resurfacing of Mortomley Close.

APPENDIX 1

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Dear Local Resident

Thornccliffe Recreation Ground Football Development Project Construction Traffic Access: Mortomley Close

I am writing to inform you that construction work will be commencing in December 2015 at Thornccliffe Recreation Ground and due for completion in May 2016.

The Thornccliffe scheme includes provision of a 3G artificial pitch, two adult grass pitches, a new changing pavilion and cricket pitch. The development is additional to the swimming pool and fitness centre being developed on the site

Planning Consent was granted in February 2015 and work will start on the football development in November 2015. This will mean that the football pitch area will be fenced off, as it will be a construction site. There will be signs put up around the site as notification that work will be commencing. Once the project is complete there will also be a fence around the pitches for protection and security, however the public will still be permitted to walk through the site between Mortomley Close and Pack Horse Lane, and from Ironstone Drive through to West Woods. These routes will also be available during the construction period.

Due to the indoor development taking place at Pack Horse Lane, the football development construction traffic will have to access the site via Mortomley Close. As Mortomley Close is a residential street, all deliveries will exercise caution and a 5mph speed limit. The delivery times will be scheduled to avoid busy times. Whilst Mortomley Close is, and will remain, unadopted public highway, we do accept that our construction traffic will increase its wear and tear more than

usual, so we will resurface the carriageway once our construction work is complete.

I have attached details of the site access route and site scheme. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the above further then please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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