

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)
To
**Traffic & Parking Working Party & Cabinet
Committee**
On
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Petition for Maintenance Works, Ashleigh Drive Leigh on Sea
Executive Councillor: Councillor Tony Cox
A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of a petition from residents of Ashleigh Drive highlighting the state of footways and carriageways and requesting that the Council rectify this as soon as possible.

2. Recommendation

That the Traffic & Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee:

- a) **Thank the petitioner for taking the time to compile the petition, and;**
- b) **Agree to take no further action as the location is a junction and the waiting restrictions provided formalise the guidance in the Highway Code that vehicles should not park within 10 metres of a junction.**

3. Background

- 3.1 To ensure public safety, our entire highway network is inspected on a regular cyclical basis, at least once per year, by our inspectors and any Category 1 defects that are identified at that time are prioritised for urgent repair. Inspections are undertaken by a team of inspectors.
- 3.2 Due to the limited budgets for highway maintenance, regrettably the Council can currently only prioritise repairs that are classified as 'Category 1' highway defects. These are highway defects that meet the threshold of being 40mm deep or deeper in the carriageway and are therefore considered to be a risk to the safety of road users. This is in line with national guidelines.
- 3.3 We also employ an independent company to carry out an annual condition survey of all our roads and footways throughout the Borough and this information is used to create our maintenance programme.

- 3.4 Based on the results of the latest assessment, the carriageway is considered to be “mid-life” and surfacing is not programmed until 2021/22 financial year. The footways are in a “fair” condition and no major works are planned.
- 3.5 The road will be inspected to ensure any Category 1 defects are repaired.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Resurface the carriageway and footways. Resurfacing and major works are planned under a forward programme. Inclusion in the programme is based on the need for repairs and prioritised according to the condition and to include Ashleigh Drive in the programme prior to that planned will result in planned works for a road with more serious defects being delayed. Budgets are limited and need based prioritisation is a fair and consistent manner by which to manage the required works within these budgets.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To reflect the existing practice of a need based work programme.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 *Contribution to Council’s Vision & Corporate Priorities.*

Management of major works on a needs based priority system ensures a fair and consistent approach contributing to a Safe Southend.

- 6.2 *Financial Implications*

None.

- 6.3 *Legal Implications*

None.

- 6.4 *People Implications*

None.

- 6.5 *Property Implications*

None.

- 6.6 *Consultation*

None.

- 6.7 *Equalities and Diversity Implications*

None.

6.8 *Risk Assessment*

The condition of the street has been assessed and programmed based on the current surface condition.

6.9 *Value for Money*

All highway works are undertaken by term contractors procured competitively demonstrating values for money.

6.10 *Community Safety Implications*

Waiting restrictions are provided at junctions to contribute to road safety.

6.11 *Environmental Impact*

None.

7. **Background Papers**

None.

8. **Appendices**

None.