
Meeting of Executive Members for City Strategy and Advisory Panel

26 March 2007

Report of the Director of City Strategy

PETITION FROM PARENTS, GOVERNORS AND STAFF AT TANG HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL REQUESTING THE RESURFACING OF THE PAVEMENT OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL ON SIXTH AVENUE

Summary

1. This report advises Members of the receipt of a petition presented by Councillor Potter at Full Council on 25 January 2007. Councillor Potter presented this petition on behalf of the parents, governors and staff at Tang Hall Primary School, requesting the resurfacing of the pavement outside the school on Sixth Avenue.
2. Members are asked to consider the options outlined in the report and approve the recommendation to include this section of footway in our 2007/2008 Resurfacing and Reconstruction programme (R&R programme).

Background

3. A copy of the resident's petition is attached as Annex 1.
4. Members will be aware that officers undertake a variety of highway inspections, including an annual inspection each year in June of all the roads and footways within the Council's area.
5. This inspection together with all the safety inspection reports and other Council inspection reports is used as a database which shows the general condition of all the Council's roads and footways.
6. All those areas found to be in a poor condition from these inspection reports are subsequently reassessed in October and November to prioritise our planned programmes of work for the forthcoming financial year.
7. The June 2006 condition survey did identify the condition of Sixth Avenue to be graded a condition 2 (average condition).
8. In accordance with the Council's policy following receipt of the petition the footways in Sixth Avenue were included on the Council's Provisional List of streets to be inspected with a view to forming part of our 2007/08 R&R programme.

9. A plan showing the footway in question in Sixth Avenue is attached as Annex 2 and colour photographs showing the general condition of the footway will be circulated at the meeting for Members to consider.
10. The detailed condition inspection referred to earlier has now been carried out and is one of those footways being recommended to form part of the Council's 2007/2008 Resurfacing programme.
11. This condition inspection of the footway showed there had been significant deterioration of the surfacing from the June inspection, predominantly oxidisation (drying out), this allows the aggregate to become loose and the surface to become dusty and start to pothole. Additionally recent tree growth showed that tree roots had lifted some of the surface causing potential hazards. For these reasons and because the footway's proximity to the school the footway scored high against the Council's inspection criteria leading to its overall condition index allowing the scheme to be recommended for the forthcoming programme.

Consultation

12. The Ward Members have been consulted in respect of this report and are in favour of Option 1, i.e. recommend this footway to form part of the 2007/2008 Resurfacing and Reconstruction programme.

Option

13. Option 1: Note and agree with officers recommendation to include a scheme in the 2007/2008 R&R programme.
14. Option 2: Ask that limited basic maintenance works only are carried out to make the footway safe.

Analysis

15. Should Members choose Option 1 it will ensure that this footway will receive the most cost effective treatment to provide a safer surface for members of the public to walk on particularly staff and pupils of the school.
16. Option 2 will cost considerably less as far as the capital outlay for the works is concerned but will leave the Council with an ongoing maintenance liability where regular patching will be needed until such time as a scheme to put right the surfacing is carried out. Additionally the longer this footway is left the more expensive the treatment will become.

Corporate Priorities

17. Maintenance of the public highway has a direct impact on several of the Council's corporate aims and policies:
18. Corporate Aim 1: (Environment)

Take pride in the City by improving quality and sustainability, creating a clean and safe environment.

Specific priorities:

- 1.1 Increase resident satisfaction and pride with their local neighbourhoods.
- 1.2 Protect and enhance the built and green environment that makes York unique.
- 1.3 Make getting around York easier, more reliable and less damaging to the environment.

19. Corporate Aim 3: (Economy)

Strengthen and diversify York's economy and improve employment opportunities for residents.

Not directly relevant to any of the specific priorities, but good quality highway infrastructure is vital to the local economy.

20. Corporate Aim 4: (Safer City)

Create a safe City through transparent partnership working with other agencies and the local community.

Specific priority:

- 4.7 Make York's roads safer for all types of user.

21. Corporate Aim 8: (Corporate Health)

Transform City of York Council into an excellent customer-focused "can do" authority.

Specific priority:

- 8.9 Manage the Council's property, IT and other assets on behalf of York residents.

Implications

Financial

22. The £24,000 cost to carry out the resurfacing works in Sixth Avenue will be met from the Council's Capital R&R budget for 2007/08.

Human Resources (HR)

23. There are no human resources implications.

Equalities

24. There are no equalities implications.

Legal

25. The City of York Council in its capacity as the Highway Authority has a statutory duty under Section 41 of the 1980 Highways Act to maintain the public highway.

Crime and Disorder

26. There are no crime and disorder implications.

Information Technology (IT)

27. There are no information technology implications.

Property

28. There are no property implications.

Other

29. There are no other implications.

Risk Management

30. In compliance with the Council's Risk Management Strategy, the main risks that have been identified in this report are risks arising from hazards to assets and people (physical), those which could lead to financial loss (financial), and non compliance with legislation (legal and regulatory). Measured in terms of impact and likelihood the risk score for all of the above has been assessed at less than 16. This means that at this point the risks need only to be monitored as they do not provide a real threat to the achievement of the objectives of this report.

Recommendations

31. That the Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member to:

- (1) Note the receipt of the petition
- (2) Approve option 1 (paragraph 13).

Reason: To comply with current Council policy and ensure that the highway maintenance budgets are expended in the most cost effective way based on the Council's assessed priorities.

- (3) Advise the lead petitioner of the decision taken.

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Wards Affected:

Report Approved



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None

Heworth

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

There are no relevant background papers.

Annexes

Annex 1 – Resident's petition

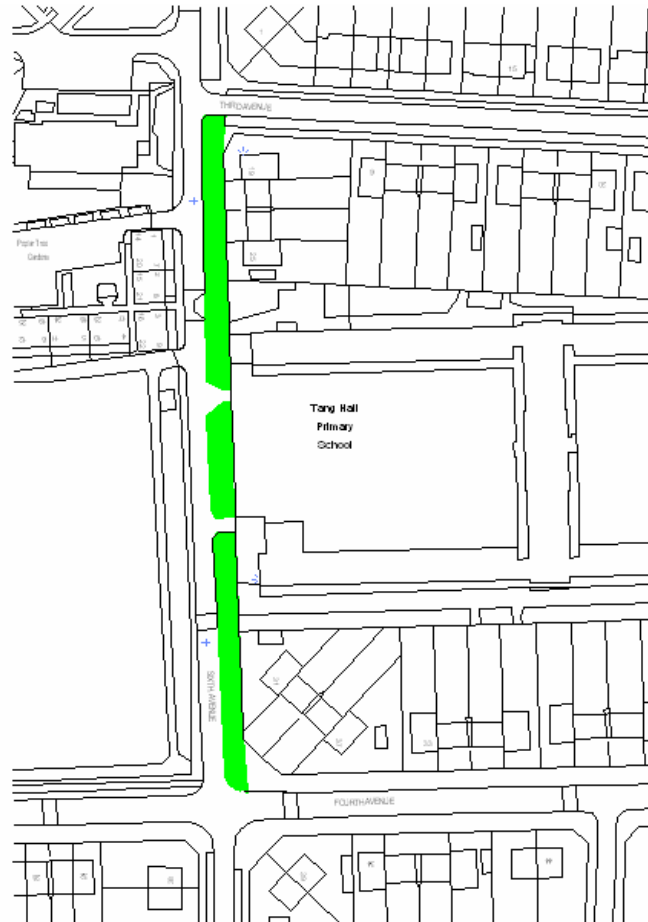
Annex 2 – Plan of area

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ANNEX 2



Footway to be surfaced coloured green