
**Decision Session - Executive Member for
Transport and Planning**

22nd June 2015

Report of the Corporate Director of Economy and Place

Highway Condition Petitions – The Horseshoe and Muncastergate

Summary

1. Two separate petitions have been received calling for works to be carried out to the highway at The Horseshoe and Muncastergate.
2. Annual condition surveys are undertaken to identify areas for large scale renewal works, additional safety inspections identify defects that are in excess of our intervention levels and works are undertaken to repair.
3. The areas were revisited in response to the petitions and highway inspection data has been considered, although there are concerns raised regarding the visual appearance and amenity of the two areas there are no areas where highway maintenance funding could be targeted at this time.

Recommendations

4. Executive Member for Transport and Planning is recommended to:
 - i. Note the petitions at paragraph 5;
 - ii. Consider the detail of this report and the conclusions drawn in paragraph 13 and 14.

Reason: To ensure the effective delivery of funding to address key priorities across the cities highway network

Background

5. Petitions were handed into the 30th March 2017 Council meeting regarding the condition of The Horseshoe (Cllr Mason) and Muncastergate (Cllr Boyce) and the need for urgent repairs or renewal. The detail of the petitions requests for CYC are detailed below:

'We the undersigned call on the City of York Council to take swift action to improve the condition of the road surface on The Horseshoe, Tadcaster Road. The road has been graded as 5 for some time and it is now dangerous to cyclists and vehicles.'

'I am signing the petition below to indicate that I believe that the adopted part of Muncastergate is in a very poor state of repair, is dangerous for pedestrians, motorcyclists and cyclists and is badly in need of substantial road repair work, with immediate effect'

6. The Horseshoe petition has been signed by 37 residents and the Muncastergate petition has been signed by 60 residents.
7. Repairs are scheduled in accordance with priority – immediate for a critical issue that may cause risk to life, next day (following initial works to secure the site), 10 working days or 20 working days.
8. Proactive safety inspections are carried out across the network and reactive inspections are carried out following reports of issues to the department and any works breaching intervention levels are scheduled as above, reactive inspections are also carried out following reports of accidents.
9. In addition to this we carry out a survey of all of our roads and footpaths every year, we have procured high definition video survey data for all part of the cities highways and footways, the data was supplied by Gaist in Autumn 2016.
10. A 1 to 5 condition rating is assigned to all parts of the network using the Gaist survey data – 1 being good and 5 being poor. The Gaist data is analysed using datasets to consider traffic and pedestrian flow, proximity of schools, population and work densities, defect categorisation, and impact of defective condition grading over a percentage of the street/ area and a ranked list of all works required to ensure the network is in a fair or better condition is developed.
11. The ranking is required to prioritise the available funding and develops the annual maintenance programme that we undertake to renew sections of footways or highways.
12. The highway condition outputs for both locations can be seen in Annex 1, repair and renewal schemes were identified for The Horseshoe based on these outputs but the works were ranked at no. 72 in the city wide list of

carriageway schemes and no works are planned 2017/18. Based on the condition data no schemes were identified for Muncastergate.

13. Adopted and unadopted highway surrounds Muncastergate, this can be seen in Annex 2. Legally adopted highways are maintainable at the public expense and highway maintenance funding is spent in a prioritised way in accordance with Member approved policies to address these sections of the network. Unadopted highways are maintainable at private expense and we do not target any funding towards their upkeep. The content of this report is therefore only based on the condition data for the adopted section of this road.

Consultation

14. This report is written in response to petitions expressing the concerns of a significant number of signatories and are backed by ward councillors. Highway Maintenance officers have addressed these concerns through further on site inspection work and works have been programmed in accordance with normal maintenance procedures.

Options

15. The outputs of the inspections are shown at Annex 1 and are detailed in paragraphs 9 to 12, further review will take place following the 2017 inspection and any identified schemes will be considered for the 2018/19 highways programme. Routine highway safety inspections will identify any actionable defects that require repairs and routine maintenance funding will address these defects.
16. No further work is scheduled in the 2017/18 highways programme at both locations and no further options are available at this time.

Council Plan

17. The development of effective and efficient highway maintenance programmes helps to deliver the Council Plan priority 'a focus on frontline services'.

Implications

18. All implications are considered below:
 - **Financial** – There are no financial implications
 - **Human Resources (HR)** – there are no HR implications

- **One Planet Council / Equalities** – there are no One Planet Council/Equalities implications
- **Legal** – there are no legal implications
- **Crime and Disorder** – there are no Crime and Disorder implications
- **Information Technology (IT)** – there are no IT implications
- **Property** – There are no property implications

Risk Management

19. All risks relating to highways works and their delivery are considered and managed throughout the development of works programmes and individual schemes, no risks exist at this stage.

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Wards Affected: Dringhouses & Woodthorpe, Heworth **All**

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Annexes **Annex 1** – Condition Rating Outputs
Annex 2 - Muncatergate Adopted Highway Extent