

**Decision Session – Cabinet Member for
Environment**

13 November 2012

Report of the Assistant Director (Highways, Waste and Fleet)

**PETITION REQUESTING THE CITY OF YORK COUNCIL TO
RESURFACE THE ROAD ON THE RUDDINGS IN THE WARD
OF WHELDRAKE**

Summary

1. This report is in response to a petition submitted to the Council by Trevor Burgess of 22 The Ruddings and signed by 51 residents of this street and surrounding area.
2. The petition requests that the Council resurface the road on The Ruddings.

Background

3. A copy of the petition is attached as Annex 1.
4. The Ruddings is a local residential road and is 423 m long and approximately 5.3 m wide. There are 31 properties that use the highway for access.
5. The annual condition survey in 2011 graded the carriageway as 3 (poor) and was ranked 32nd in the unclassified road network listings. The ranking was insufficient to be included into the 2012/13 programme.
6. An annual safety inspection was undertaken on 19 June 2012. The inspection identified two road defects that breached the Council's intervention levels and these were repaired at the time.
7. The 2012 annual condition survey continues to grade the carriageway as 3 (poor). The ranking process in 2012 (which also takes into consideration any petitions received) was

completed in October and now ranks 19th in the unclassified road network.

8. The priorities for selection are based on a number of weighting factors that create a ranking score; they include condition, safety, location, usage, accident records, hierarchy, affordability and enquiries. Although The Ruddings scores high on condition and safety, its location, usage and hierarchy score lower than some other unclassified roads.
9. At the time of writing this report the budgets for 2013/14 have not been approved. Assuming the budgets to be the same as 2012/13 it is unlikely that the current ranking will be sufficient to include The Ruddings in the 2013/14 programme.
10. The surface of the wearing course is deteriorating and has been accelerated by the severe winters of the recent years. There is evidence of potholes that breach intervention levels (see photographs in Annex 3).

Consultation

11. This report is to advise the Cabinet Member of the receipt of the petition, no external consultation has taken place.

Options

12. Option 1 - Rank the carriageway along with other grade 3 roads for inclusion in a future scheme programme as in accordance with the approved process.
13. Option 2 - Add a scheme to resurface the carriageway on The Ruddings to the 2013/14 programme. It is estimated that the cost of the scheme will be £77,000.

Analysis

14. Option 1 - The ranking will improve with a weighting applied due to the receipt of this petition. Applying this factor the scheme is 19th in the unclassified road network.
15. Option 2 - The works will be a full refurbishment of the carriageway binder and surface courses.
16. It must be noted that if option 1 does not rank the carriageway high enough to be a scheme, funding for option 2 will have to

be taken from the annual scheme programme. This will result in a higher ranked scheme being removed from the programme.

Council Priorities

17. The City and Environmental Services directorate supports delivery of the create jobs and grow the economy, protect the environment and get York moving themes from the Council's key priorities.

Implications

Financial

18. There are no financial implications.

Human Resources (HR)

22. There are no HR implications identified in this report.

Equalities

19. A Community Impact Assessment (CIA) has been carried out and recommends option 1 be approved.

Legal

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

Crime and Disorder

21. There are no crime and disorder implications.

Information Technology (IT)

22. There are no IT implications in this report.

Property

23. There are no property implications.

Other

24. There are no other implications in this report.

Risk Management

25. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, the main risks that have been identified in this report are:
- Strategic Risk, arising from judgements in relation to medium term goals for the service
 - Physical Risks, arising from potential under investment in assets
 - Financial Risk, from pressures on budgets
 - People Risks, affecting staff if budgets decline
26. 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

30. The Cabinet Member is recommended to:
- (i) Note the receipt of the petition
 - (ii) Approve option 1

Reason: The Ruddings to be assessed in accordance with the Council's procedures and ranked accordingly.

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Report Approved



Date

7 November 2012

Wards Affected: Wheldrake

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

There are no background papers

Annexes:

- Annex 1 Petition
- Annex 2 Plan
- Annex 3 Photographs