
Cabinet Member for City Services

13 September 2023

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director approving submission of the report:

Director of Transportation, Highways and Sustainability

Ward(s) affected:

Upper Stoke

Title:

Petition 48/22 - Dane Road Pathways - Improvements

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive summary:

A petition bearing 79 signatures was received requesting that all the pathways on Dane Road be improved.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to highways maintenance are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered the petition prior to this meeting and requested that the petition was dealt with by letter (determination letter) rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

The determination letter advised that we would continue to monitor and repair intervention level defects with reactive maintenance until such time as the remainder of Dane Road is included in the yearly capital programme. The letter stated that we were unable to advise if the remainder of Dane Road will be in the 2024/25 programme.

On receipt of the determination letter, the petition organiser requested that he wanted the issue to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

Recommendations:

- 1) Note the petitioners' concerns.
- 2) Endorse the actions confirmed by determination letter to the petition organiser as set out in paragraphs 2.1 & 2.2 of the report.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix - Site plan showing adopted highway

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel, or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Petition 48/22 - Dane Road Pathways - Improvements

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1. Dane Road pathways have been included in the 2022/23 & 2023/24 annual maintenance programme.
- 1.2. So far, The Council has replaced 30% of the pathways on Dane Road.
- 1.3. The remaining pathways are in similar condition to the 30% that have been replaced.
- 1.4. The Shakespeare Street to Walsgrave Road section is ranked 5th on the forward programme with 30 sites rating equally, and 46 sites scoring higher.
- 1.5. An officer of the City Council has assessed the construction and overall condition of the pathways, and it is noted that it is a flagged pathway with a Breedon gravel verge which is in safe condition.
- 1.6. There is a school on Dane Road, so a safety inspection is carried out every 3 months.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1. Following recent condition assessments, it is proposed to continue repairing intervention level defects safe in line with our asset management strategy.
- 2.2. We will continue to collect data and compare with other pathways in the City to determine suitability for the 2024/25 capital programme.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1. There has been no consultation on this matter.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 Future capital highway maintenance programmes and the proposed treatments to carriageways and pavements are established on a "worst first" basis across all road categories. The decision for inclusion in next year's programme will be taken by Cabinet at their meeting in March 2024. It will also be dependent on the level of funding that is made available for Capital Highway maintenance next year and will further depend on the condition of this footway compared to other footways citywide.

5. Comments from Chief Operating Officer (Section 151 Officer) and Chief Legal Officer

5.1. Financial Implications

The estimated cost to replace the remaining footpaths on Dane Road is £300k.

5.2. Legal Implications

Under Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980, the Council has a duty to maintain those adopted highways that it is responsible for to a standard where they are reasonably passable for ordinary traffic.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>

N/A

6.2 How is risk being managed?

We will continue to carryout safety inspections and repair defects.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA?

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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Appendices

Site plan showing area of adopted Highway at Dane Road.

