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Our reference C/EMK
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Dear

Petition – Requesting that Grasmere Avenue Roads and Pavements are Urgently improved

I refer to the above petition which you submitted to the Cabinet Member (City Services) meeting on Tuesday 24th January, 2012. Following the end of the call-in period, I write to confirm that at this meeting Councillor Harvard took account of the issues that you and the petition organiser raised regarding the reasons for the request from local residents of Grasmere Avenue to have the drain gates re-laid; uneven and broken paving slabs repaired/replaced; and the road resurfaced.

Councillor Harvard noted the results of a recent site visit that had been undertaken at Grasmere Avenue. This revealed that the carriageway surface was showing signs of alligator crazing, however, the road had not opened up and was not causing any immediate concerns. The footway was made up of paving slabs and a blacktop margin. Existing vehicular crossings had been constructed completely from paving slabs. The condition of the footway was considered to be reasonably good considering the amount of over-riding on the pavements by vehicles accessing their property frontages.

In response to the petitioner's request for the drain grates to be re-laid, the highways drainage team had carried out an investigation during a recent rain event and had concluded that there was no issue with the existing highways drainage system and with the levels on the footways.

Councillor Harvard gave approval for the highway inspector responsible for this area of the city to undertake an inspection of the footways and raise jobs to repair any defects that were at the intervention level of 20mm or more.



In relation to the carriageway at Grasmere Avenue, Councillor Harvard was mindful of the limited resources and current policy that determined future highway maintenance programmes of work was based on a “worst first” basis across all road categories. Routine highway inspections would continue to be undertaken and any defects that met the carriageway intervention level of 25mm or more would be repaired. He noted that it was anticipated that a decision to undertake complete resurfacing works to Grasmere Avenue as part of the highway maintenance capital programme in 2013/14 or 2014/15 would be taken by Cabinet at the appropriate time.

No doubt you will inform the petitioners accordingly. I am sending a copy of this letter to
for their information.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

Liz Knight
Governance Services Officer

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