

THE ASSEMBLY

7 SEPTEMBER 2005

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Title: Petition - Condition of Public Highway Whitebarn Lane, Dagenham	For Information
<p>Summary:</p> <p>A petition has been received from residents complaining about the condition of the road and footpath in Whitebarn Lane requesting that the road to be resurfaced at the earliest possible time.</p> <p>At a meeting involving Councillor Jamu, the Lead Petitioner was informed that Whitebarn Lane was included in a list of prioritised schemes. At the time of writing this report the works was programmed to commence on 8 August 2005 and estimated to be completed by the beginning of October 2005.</p> <p>Wards Affected: River Ward</p>	
<p>Implications:</p> <p>Financial:</p> <p>Funds were set aside in the Highways Maintenance Programme (2005 /06) to do this work.</p> <p>Legal:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Risk Management:</p> <p>None.</p> <p>Social Inclusion and Diversity:</p> <p>The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 places a requirement on local authorities to make an assessment of the impact of new and revised policies in terms of race equality. Existing policies have already been subjected to impact assessments. This Authority has adopted an approach of extending the impact to cover gender, disability, sexuality, faith, age and community cohesion.</p> <p>As this report does not concern a new or revised policy there are no specific adverse impacts insofar as this report is concerned.</p>	

Crime and Disorder:		
<p>Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a responsibility on local authorities to consider the crime and disorder implications of any proposals.</p> <p>There are no specific implications insofar as this report is concerned.</p>		
Recommendations		
<p>The Assembly is recommended to note the action taken and the progress in undertaking the work on the Public Highway.</p>		
Reason		
<p>To assist the Council in achieving its Community Priority of <i>"Making Barking and Dagenham Cleaner, Greener and Safer"</i>.</p>		
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1. Background

- 1.1 A petition has been received from residents containing 114 signatures, representing 95 separate addresses. The petition complains about the condition of the road and footpath in Whitebarn Lane and asks for the road to be resurfaced at the earliest possible time.
- 1.2 A meeting was held with the Lead Petitioner, Mr Easton, in the presence of Councillor Jamu, on Wednesday, 29 June 2005 at the Civic Centre.
- 1.3 It was explained at the Lead Petitioner's meeting that a scheme for major resurfacing of Whitebarn Lane and part of Oval Road North had been on the list of schemes for prioritisation for the past two years and that the scheme had been included on the Highways Maintenance Programme for the 2005/06 financial year.
- 1.4 The work consists of resurfacing of both footways and carriageway in Whitebarn Lane and part of Oval Road North between Ballards Road and Whitebarn Lane. The work was programmed to commence on 8 August 2005 and at the time of writing this report it is estimated the work will be completed at the beginning of October 2005. The Lead Petitioner and Councillor Jamu accepted this course of action. Residents and Ward Councillors were advised of the proposals by letter before commencement of the scheme.

- 1.5 As part of the scheme residents will be offered the opportunity to have footway crossings constructed at the reduced rate of £265 for Oval Road North and £330 for Whitebarn Lane to allow front garden parking where appropriate.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The scheme will cost in the region of £250,000 and provision has been made in the funds set aside for the Highways Maintenance Programme (2005/06).

4. Consultation

4.1 Councillors

The following Councillors have been advised of the contents of this report.

Lead Councillor

Environment and Sustainability Portfolio, Councillor McKenzie

River Ward Councillors:

Councillors Jamu, L Smith and Mrs Twomey

4.2 Officers

Corporate Strategy

Muhammad Saleem, Solicitor to the Council
Robin Hanton, Corporate Legal Manager

Finance

Alex Anderson, Head of Finance (DRE)
Phil Horner,

Regeneration and Environment

In addition, the scheme has been subjected to consultation with, the Street Works Manager and the Highways Manager – Reactive Maintenance. No objections were raised.

Background Papers

- Petition.
- Letter / e-mail to Ward Councillors.
- Letters to all local residents dated 27 May 2005 and 2 August 2005. Re: the scheme.
- Highways Maintenance Programme (2005/06).