

Environment and Enterprise Directorate  
Corporate Director – Caroline Bruce

30<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Our ref: GC010128

Your ref: Hamilton/ Hodson

Dear ,

**Petition regarding the condition of carriageways/ vehicle crossings in Hamilton Crescent/ Hodson Close, South Harrow**

I refer to the petition presented on behalf of the residents of Hamilton Crescent/ Hodson Close, South Harrow dated 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in respect of the perceived condition of the carriageway and vehicle crossings. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Council.

As the number of petitioners has exceeded thirty, in accordance with the Council's policy, I am writing to you only as the lead petitioner. This response will be published on the Council's website and a copy sent to the Ward Councillors.

The views and concerns of residents are noted. However, in order to as far as is practicable, produce a fair and unbiased programme of footway and carriageway works, these are based upon a robust scoring system which removes personal preferences but combines the results from structural surveys carried out by consultants on behalf of the Council with scores based on usage, the risk factor, corporate objectives and impact. The extent of the programme is limited by the available budget and is prioritised on the scores given to each road.

Consequently I regret that Hamilton Crescent and Hodson Close, South Harrow are not included within the current programmes of work and are not currently identified on any future programme of works at present. Unfortunately there is only a finite budget and I trust you will appreciate the need to target maintenance on a priority basis.

All footways and carriageways are inspected on a periodic basis between three and four times a year. As a result of these inspections localised repairs are implemented where a defect exceeds the Council's intervention levels and is considered to be a potential hazard to pedestrians or vehicle users.

I have requested that the area be re-inspected by the Area Highways Inspector to ensure that any defects that meet the Council's intervention levels are highlighted, prioritised and an order placed with our contractor to complete the necessary repairs. There are a small number of repairs already identified that have been placed with our contractor for repair.

These should be completed shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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