

Community Directorate  
Venetia Reid-Baptiste  
Divisional Director,  
Commissioning & Commercial Services

Mr. M. Shah  
Cc Cllr. Mina Parmar

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Mr. Shah,

**Petition regarding footways in Wetheral Drive, Stanmore**

I refer to the petition presented on behalf of the residents of Wetheral Drive, Stanmore to Cabinet on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 which I only unfortunately received on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and 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 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 both 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 an externally appointed consultant 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 Wetheral Drive is not included within the current programme of works.

However, 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.

Unfortunately there is only a finite budget and I trust you will appreciate the need to target

maintenance on a priority basis.

Yours sincerely,

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