

ARLINGTON DRIVE, RUISLIP- PETITION REQUESTING FOR RESURFACING OF FOOTWAYS IN ARLINGTON DRIVE, RUISLIP

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport
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Papers with report	Appendix A – Location plan and photographic evidence of footway surface

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents requesting to replace the paving slabs in Arlington Drive, Ruislip.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the Council objective of Our People. The objection to the consultation will be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for road safety.
Financial Cost	Subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners, the Cabinet Member may be minded that the cost of replacing slabs should be funded.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	Ruislip Ward

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport:

1. Meets with petitioners and listens to their request for replacement of slabs, and
2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks that officers include this road in the resurfacing programme or defer the scheme until it is higher on the council's priority list, based on the approved criteria.

Reasons for recommendations

The Petition Hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Council has received a petition submitted by 36 residents signed under the following heading:

“To Repair the Pavement in Arlington Drive, Ruislip”.

The petition requests that existing paving slabs on Arlington Drive in Ruislip be repaired.

Arlington Drive is a residential street that stretches between Howlett Road in the west and Bury Street in the east. It is approximately 284 metres long. The footway comprises of concrete vehicle crossovers, paving slabs at the back, and a grass verge in front.

Routine safety inspections are scheduled for all roads in the borough, using the frequency determined by the road's hierarchy and footfall. This is a residential road; hence it is inspected once a year. The last routine safety inspection of this road and pavement was conducted on 3rd January 2024, and the next routine safety inspection will take place in January 2025. The footway or carriageways are also inspected on an ad-hoc basis when there is a concern about damage to the pavement or road surface received. During inspections, any defects that are deemed dangerous or unsafe are rectified in accordance with our highway maintenance policy.

Furthermore, in 2023, the council conducted a condition survey across the entire network, including Arlington Drive in Ruislip. These surveys are conducted by an independent consultant to determine the condition of the network and where maintenance is required. The council has established value management prioritising criteria that take into consideration not only the condition of the network but additionally its hierarchy, reactive maintenance records, accident claims records, and resident/member complaints. This approach, in combination with selecting the roads to prevent deterioration, allows us to maximise an allocated budget for resurfacing so that the council could obtain value for money and improve the overall condition of the network rather than just a single road. The last year's condition data, as well as the other factors utilised for network prioritisation, are complete. However, this road is currently not high on the priority list for resurfacing this year; it is in year 6 of the programme prepared. This could change when we undertake the next condition survey.

The estimated cost of resurfacing the footways on this route is around £220k (desktop estimate).

Financial Implications

If the Cabinet Member is minded to agree to the resurfacing of the footways at Arlington Drive, Ruislip the estimated cost of which would be £220k, this can be funded from the 2024/25 Highways Structural Programme capital budget.

The 2024/25 Highways Structural Programme full list of schemes is currently being worked up to be verified. The proposed schemes' costs should not exceed the capital funding allocated for the 2024/25 Highways Resurfacing Programme of £9 million and will be subject to the usual capital release process.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners' request.

Consultation carried out or required

None at this stage.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the report and concurs with the financial implications contained as set out above.

Legal

Legal Services confirm that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report. Whenever necessary legal advice is given in relation to specific issues as they arise to ensure that the Council always meets its legal obligations.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

The footway improvement programme contains schemes to limit the deterioration of the fabric of the Borough's highway asset that can result in serious failure of footways, verges and improve the serviceability of the highway network for the benefit of residents and other road users.

The roads are selected from structural condition surveys undertaken by independent consultants to undertake condition surveys of the entire highway network in the borough. The surveys along with other factors applied inform future maintenance decisions and consideration of footways for inclusion in preparing Highways planned works programmes.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A – Location plan and photographic evidence of footway surface

APPENDIX A - GIS Location Map





