

Yew Tree Drive

Blackburn

BB2 7DH

To whom it may concern,

I write to you on behalf of all the residents regarding our street and road, Yew Tree Drive Layby 105-119, Blackburn, BB2 7DH.

Our street and road is in need of dire repair and resurfacing. Parts of tarmac have been ripped up along the road causing damage to our car suspensions and wheels. This is extremely concerning at the bottom of our driveways on a council owned road, where a sloping driveway and broken road can cause severe damage to cars or severe injury to a person. There are several potholes in one area and this is the case along the whole road. Our pavements are just as bad, broken in areas that we can see loose stones underneath, sharp stones lying about the road and pavement causing a hazard for walkers. The pavements have weeds growing out of them which constantly have to be cleared by the residents on surfaces that are the responsibility of the council/Highways England. The weeds are also growing at the sides of the road and no resident has ever seen any local authority clearing these or spraying any chemicals to kill them.

I have noticed recently that the dual carriageways outside our house have been resurfaced multiple times and repairs have been undertaken on the carriageway numerous times over the past couple of years in addition to the other layby on Yew Tree Drive just opposite our road, however, I or any of the residents (who have lived here over 20 years) cannot recall the last time our road has ever been resurfaced. In fact, our residents who have lived here the longest have informed me the road has never been resurfaced. Our road is not a private road, therefore it defeats logic why the rest of Yew Tree Drive would have works undertaken yet, our layby excluded. Some potholes have occasionally been filled in so this demonstrates the road is not private and is council/Highways England's responsibility.

I personally have requested the council to fill in potholes at the bottom of my driveway but this request has only been granted once. On other occasions, when meeting with a member of the team from Highways England, I was informed only potholes that have a minimum of 25mm depth would be fixed. I would like to express that potholes or road cracks that are less than 25mm depth can still cause damage and injury given that the size of the cracks/potholes are quite large and over a large area.

We have many trucks, vans and wagons which come along our road including the bin lorry. When these vehicles turn around using one of the resident's driveways, it causes further damage due to the existence of cracked tarmac and the heavy load on a poor surface. This in turn causes further damage which has not yet been rectified.

We have many joggers who pass along our road and street alongside dog walkers, the elderly and us, the residents. It is only a matter of time before someone is injured by the dreadful conditions of the road/path or their car damaged which could lead to a claim against the responsible party.

I have a friend who has recently been injured in a car accident and is still suffering with terrible pains in his back from the incident. This friend comes to visit regularly and on more than one occasion he has hit a poor road surface crack which has caused him severe pain. This may be the case for many other residents or other walkers who have not yet told their stories.

All residents have expressed concern about the pathway and road especially our elderly residents who find it unsafe to walk along the pathway. One of our residents has almost fallen over multiple times. This is unacceptable and is negligence on behalf of the council/Highways England endangering public health.

I have attached in the appendices below pictures of the road surface, potholes, tarmac cracks and cracked pavements. As you can see from the images the road and path is in a poor condition and requires full resurfacing. Therefore I request that this matter can be resolved in an **urgent and timely** manner to avoid any injury or further damages to vehicles which can lead to a claim made against either the council or Highways England.

Yours Faithfully,

[Redacted Signature]

On behalf of all the residents of Yew Tree Drive,

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APPENDIX 1 – CLOSE UP



APPENDIX 2 - FOOTPATHS



APPENDIX 3 - ROAD



APPENDIX 4 – FURTHER DAMAGE

