



EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION

REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Growth and Development
LEAD OFFICERS:	Strategic Director of Environment and Operations
DATE:	Thursday, 11 th August 2022

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Growth and Development
WARD/S AFFECTED:	Audley and Queens Park
KEY DECISION:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUBJECT: Lambeth Street Petition

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition signed by 176 residents of Lambeth Street area of Blackburn has been submitted to the Council requesting that the sections of Lambeth Street between numbers 128 to 31 and 154 – 59 be resurfaced.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Board:

- Notes the petition.
- Supports the officers' recommendation that the request for resurfacing be refused.
- Request that officers inform the lead petitioner of the decision.

3. BACKGROUND

Lambeth Street is a residential road serving properties and is closed at Pringle Street.

The residents of the area believe that lengths of the carriageway between numbers 128 to 31 and 154 – 59 should be resurfaced. The petition states that some of the residents have lived there over 30 years and the road has not been resurfaced in that time.

This unclassified road, off Audley Range is an adopted 246m long residential side road, 65 homes front onto it. Access beyond Pringle Street is not possible due to a planting bed with a mature tree. The residents believe that the carriageway should be resurfaced. The petition requests that a short section of 71m be resurfaced as they feel that this is the worst part of this section of this road, realistically it would only be economic to resurface the full section from Audley Range to Pringle Street.

The carriageway appears to be surfaced partly with asphalt, which has been surfaced dressed in the past and partly with sett paving, used a traffic management feature.

In 2020 the council commissioned a carriageway condition the results of which categorised carriageways and footways as follows:

Grade 5	Structurally impaired
Grade 4	Functionally impaired
Grade 3	Mid life
Grade 2	Signs of surface wear
Grade 1	Free from defects

The carriageway was classed as 27% grade 5; 39% grade 4; 29% grade 3, 5% grade 1. overall functionally impaired.

In accordance with the Council's Safety Inspection Procedure for Highways this road is inspected annually and any defects which exceed the intervention levels are repaired. The table below identifies this repair history since 2017.

Year	Carriageway defects
2017	7
2018	9
2019	0
2020	17
2021	11
2022	9 (to date)
Total	53

NB: this is for the section of Lambeth Street in the complaint (*off Audley Range is an adopted 246m*), not the full street (>830m).

This defect history supports the results of the condition survey that the carriageway condition is generally acceptable.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

The Highways Asset Management Strategy, approved by the Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, and published on 25th October 2019, described the authority's approach and commitment to highway maintenance.

Present funding levels, both revenue and capital, effectively restrict consideration of only the Borough's major classified roads for the foreseeable future. It would be unrealistic to expect or anticipate routine, planned resurfacing of low-trafficked residential streets in the foreseeable future. Unfortunately the structural condition and visual appearance of these roads will continue to deteriorate, however the authority will continue to inspect them to ensure that safety defects are identified and repaired.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The capital maintenance budget is committed to the long term plan for highway work which effectively precludes resurfacing roads such as Lambeth Street.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council has a duty to maintain the adopted highway under the Highways Act 1980.

This is an ordinary petition as defined in the Council's constitution as being one signed by at least 50 people and submitted by people who live, work or study in the Borough. Part 7 of the Constitution outlines the possible mechanisms for petitions and this report and response is one such type of valid response.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

None

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded in the Summary of Decisions published on the day following the meeting.

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