

**Name of meeting and date:** CABINET 17 DECEMBER 2008

**Title of report:** REQUEST FOR RESURFACING COLDERS LANE, FROM No. 45A TO No. 65, MELTHAM – PETITION 889

<b>Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?</b>	NO
<b>Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?</b>	NO
<b>Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?</b>	YES
<b>Cabinet member portfolio</b>	TRANSPORTATION AND GREEN SERVICES

**Electoral wards affected and ward councillors consulted:**  
 HOLME VALLEY NORTH

**Public or private:**  
 PUBLIC

## **1. Purpose of report**

To consider surfacing an unadopted section of Colders Lane Meltham

## **2. Key points**

- 2.1 A petition from nine households of Colders Lane has been passed to Highways Service, via Cllr David Woodhead, requesting the resurfacing of Colders Lane from No. 45A to No. 65. Other matters raised at the same time have been responded to in a letter back to the lead petitioner.
- 2.2 This section of Colders Lane is a Private Street and as such responsibility for maintenance lies with the 'street managers' usually the owners of the properties fronting the street and not the Highway Authority.
- 2.3 The private section provides pedestrian and vehicular access to fourteen properties and there is a public footpath running along its entire length, Footpath Meltham 75. The Council would only undertake maintenance to ensure that the route can be used safely by pedestrians and it would not undertake repairs to facilitate private vehicular use for residents or other authorised users. Should damage to the footpath be caused by vehicle use, the Council can request that

landowners or local residents either repair or contribute to any repairs that may be required to be undertaken on the footpath.

- 2.4 The general condition of this section of road is good. The surface is undulated but has no major failure that would cause problems for pedestrians or vehicles.
- 2.5 There is a relatively small budget for Highways Service to assist Street Managers with their maintenance liability. A list of potential sites has been prioritised for treatment, but not full adoption, and is shown on the attached Appendix A. Colders Lane has been assessed for inclusion in this programme in accordance with Appendix B. The ranking of 1.5 is determined as follows:

B	Properties	1.5
C	Access	1
D	Condition	1
E	Use	1

$B \times C \times D \times E = 1.5$  in accordance with Appendix B

- 2.6 There are several streets with a higher ranking so the street is unlikely to get into the unadopted road programme for the foreseeable future.
- 2.7 The estimated cost of resurfacing this section of Colders Lane and provide a 10 year life is £10,000. The road would remain unadopted after such improvements.
- 2.8 The adopted section of Colders Lane from Greens End Road to Colders Drive was resurfaced earlier this year with funding from Holme Valley North devolved budget. The consultation letter did state to house number 55 but should have been 45. Expectations of some residents may have been raised when they were involved in the consultation for these works however it was never the intention to resurface the private section of this road.

### **3. Implications for the Council**

### **4. Consultees and their opinions**

Ward Members consulted on 23 October 2008.

Cllr David Woodhead replied – “It is a pity that there was a reference to no 55 in the original letter which may have raised expectations. However the letter does set out the current position.”

Cllr Royston Rogers replied – “As I have said before it's not our intention to carry out this work at present for the other properties. Should the owners of the road wish to contribute to the improvements we could look at it again.”

Cllr Beryl Smith replied – “I agree with the report's recommendation and Cllr Roger's comments.”

All Ward Member comments received.

## **5. Officer recommendations and reasons**

There is little chance of improvements within the Unadopted Roads programme, however Ward Members will be asked if they wish to consider improving Colders Lane within Devolved or local area committee budgets

## **6. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**

I agree with Officers Advice.

## **7. Next steps**

To go to Cllr Hall's brief on 21 November 2008.

## **8. Contact officer and relevant papers**

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