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Community & Environment Services
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Corporate Director - Community & Environment

Councillor Graham Henson
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Dear Councillor Henson

Petition – Stanley Road, South Harrow

I refer to the petition that you presented to the Employee Consultative Forum and which was forwarded to me on 7 September. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

With regard to the concerns about traffic and parking, the parking issues will be investigated as part of the South Harrow review which has just got underway. The outcome of the review and any recommendations will be reported to Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel in February 2010 when it considers the annual review of controlled parking zones. The issue of speeding traffic was brought to the attention of the Police representatives at the Traffic Liaison meeting 17th September 2009 and we are awaiting feedback from their investigations in due course. The petition itself and this response will be reported to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel for information on 25 November.

Regarding the concerns about the condition of the highway in Stanley Road, I think it would be helpful to explain the established policy and procedures for prioritising maintenance. All footways and carriageways in the borough are inspected on a periodic basis and additionally when residents bring specific concerns to the Council's attention. As a result of these inspections localised repairs are carried where it is considered there may be a potential hazard to either pedestrians or vehicular users. This inspection regime is not intended to deal with aesthetic issues. Stanley Road was last inspected on 1 July 2009 and no repairs were considered to be necessary at that time.

In addition to this responsive regime, the Council has a planned maintenance programme, which deals with more extensive works, i.e. re-paving and resurfacing entire streets or large sections of them. This programme of works is determined via a robust scheme priority scoring system. The system ensures the resources are targeted at those sections of roads in need of repair within the context of Council's overall priorities and budgets.



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The scoring system takes into account a range of factors including, type, classification and usage of road; independent biennial structural surveys; highway engineer's assessment of overall condition; risk factors; and corporate objectives etc. Independent consultants last surveyed the road in December 2008 and the Council's highway engineers have recently inspected the carriageway and pavements in Stanley Road and assessed it as follows:

As a result of the recent works on the footway from Northolt Road to Sherwood Road it was in a good condition. Similarly, the section of footway on the eastern side (even nos. house) from Sherwood Road to No 106 was found to be in an overall fair condition. The section from no 106 to the end was in an excellent condition as result of reconstruction work undertaken by the developers. The overall condition of the remaining section of the western footway (odd nos. side) from No 121 to Sherwood Road is considered to be average. The numerous utilities' trench reinstatements and patches in this section were found to be in a sound condition. Small areas of footway adjacent to the kerb line in isolated locations were noted to be showing some wear and tear as a result of vehicles overrunning the pavements while parking, but their condition did not meet our established standards for intervention to trigger further investigations or work at this time.

Yours sincerely

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