

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH &
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	11 SEPTEMBER 2019	AGENDA ITEM:	4(c)
TITLE:	PETITION TO RE-GRAVEL WARDLE AVENUE WITH CORRECT MATERIALS AS COMPENSATION TO ROAD CLOSURE ON ARMOUR HILL		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council to re-gravel Wardle Avenue with the correct materials as compensation for the road closure on Armour Hill.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the request to re-gravel Wardle Avenue be investigated and considered and the results reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 It is a privately owned road, for which the highway authority doesn't have a policy. This is a matter for the landowner(s).

4. THE PROPOSAL

4.1 The Council has received a petition with a total of 45 signatures at the time of writing.

4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *‘Since the section on Armour Hill in 2018, we (the “residents of Wardle Avenue) have noticed a large increase in traffic including heavy vehicles on Wardle Avenue which has resulted in a rapid deterioration of the road. As you may be aware, Wardle Avenue is a private thoroughfare road and is not designed for huge volumes of traffic.*

With the likelihood of the road falling into more disrepair as Armour Hill continues to stay closed, we would like to see your assistance in requesting for Reading Borough Council to re-gravel the road with the correct materials, as compensation. If Reading Borough Council had installed a ‘Road Ahead Sign’ at the junction of Wardle Avenue and Armour Road in 2018, I believe the road would not be in the state it is now’.

4.3 The Sub-Committee is asked to note the petition and Officers will report back the results of their investigation to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and helps to deliver the following Council Priorities:

- Ensuring the Council is fit for the future

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 The lead petitioner will be informed of the findings of the Sub-Committee.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None arising from this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

8.2 The Council will carry out an equality impact assessment scoping exercise prior making any alterations to the Highway.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None arising from this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.