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Dear Councillor Robinson

RECEIPT OF PETITION – RESURFACING WOODLANDS AVENUE AND PICKWICK PLACE

I refer to the petition, signed by 26 local residents regarding resurfacing Woodlands Avenue and Pickwick Place. I can advise you that receipt of the petition will be reported to Cllr Mark Deaville, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport.

Identification and prioritisation of structural and preventative maintenance schemes on footways and carriageways is undertaken using the results from independent accredited highway condition surveys that are carried out each year. A lifecycle planning approach is then adopted to ensure highways benefit from the correct maintenance treatment at the appropriate time within their lifecycle. This ensures the efficient and effective use of available resources. As the funding for highway maintenance is not commensurate with all of the work required, a further developed value management process is used to prioritise sites that are of an equal or similar condition. This involves scoring schemes against various criteria including the number of safety defects recorded at the site, accident rates and the contribution of the scheme to the sustainability of the area.

When considering a location in the Newcastle Borough area it has to be noted that any proposal has to be prioritised with other similar schemes in the Stafford and Staffordshire Moorlands areas since funding is provided on a north/south basis across the County.

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With regards to the footways of Woodlands Avenue and Pickwick Place they are currently considered to be in an appropriate condition for preventative footway treatment, although one may require more pre-patching work. Whilst these two locations are therefore included in our forward footway preventative treatment programme the timing of the delivery of the work will be dependent on future funding allocations. Currently we would be looking towards works taking place within the next 5 years but this can change depending on the funding settlements received each financial year.

In the meantime we will continue to prioritise for repair any safety defects reported by residents or noted as part of highway inspections to ensure the footway, and carriageway, are maintained in a safe condition for highway users.

Should you require further information regarding your petition please contact Mr. D. Greatbatch, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, on 01538 483022.

Yours sincerely

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