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**Meeting:** Traffic Management Meeting

**Date:** 20 October 2009

**Subject:** Petition To Resurface Boughton End, Lidlington.

**Report of:** Basil Jackson

**Summary:** The purpose of this report is to present a petition raised by residents of Boughton End, Lidlington requesting resurfacing of the carriageway at this location. This petition has been presented at Executive Committee and referred back for further report.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Lidlington.

Function of: Council

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**that the incoming petition be noted and that the lead petitioner be informed that the proposed scheme for resurfacing will be placed in the 5-year forward work programme to be implemented in 2011/12 subject to review of priorities at that time.**

**Background and Information.**

1. In January 2009 a petition from residents of Boughton End, Lidlington was received by Bedfordshire County Council. requesting improvements to the condition of the footway in their area.
2. In accordance with the process in operation at that time an acknowledgement was sent to the lead petitioner and a copy was forwarded to Bedfordshire Highways.
3. The procedure in place at that time was for Bedfordshire Highways staff to undertake investigation into the grounds stated in the petition and to report the petition together with a proposed course of action to the first available meeting of the Bedfordshire County Council Development Control Committee.

4. Due to the changes in local government arrangements in Bedfordshire that were taking place at the time there was no opportunity to do this within the life of the outgoing County Council and the arrangements for presenting to members of the new Central Bedfordshire Council were not available at that time, and indeed for some time subsequently.
5. This petition was reported to Executive Committee on the 15 September 2009 and referred back for a further report.

### **Information**

6. A petition signed by residents of Boughton End, Lidlington was received regarding the condition of the carriageway.
7. Residents have raised concerns on a number of occasions through Central Bedfordshire Helpdesk to the condition of the carriageway and potholes along this road.
8. Residents' correspondence shows that previously two short lengths of carriageway have been resurfaced. Although the potholes outside the residential properties have only been repaired.
9. Residents believe that farm traffic using this road and poor drainage are contributing factors to the condition of the carriageway surface.

### **The Way Forward**

10. Investigation shows that works at this location should be included within the year programme of forward schemes. Several sections are in poor overall condition and planned maintenance to include a drainage scheme, haunching and strengthening of the field accesses will be required.
11. The estimated cost of the works is £45,000 depending upon any necessary statutory diversions being needed.

### **Conclusion and Next Steps**

12. The proposed scheme for resurfacing will be placed in the 5year forward work programme with a recommendation that it be implemented in 2011/12 subject to review of priorities at that time. In the interim period the road will be maintained in a serviceable condition.

<b>CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS</b>
<p><b>Council Priorities:</b> None as a result of this report.</p> <p><b>Financial:</b> If the proposals are accepted by Central Bedfordshire Council there will be a capital cost of approximately £45,000 for the complete scheme,</p>

**Legal:**

None as a result of this report.

**Risk Management:**

None as a result of this report.

**Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

None as a result of this report

**Equalities/Human Rights:**

This report and recommendation does not have any implications under the Human Rights Act 1998.

**Community Development/Safety:**

None as a result of this report.

**Sustainability:**

None as a result of this report.