

ITEM: HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR CYCLISTS

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report provides an update on progress in spending the £7,000 allocated to highway maintenance / remedial works designed to benefit cyclists.

2. Supporting Information**Background**

2.1 At the 26 January meeting, Cabinet considered the following petition:

"We the under-signed request that the standard used in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead to decide when a surface defect, pothole, kerbside gully grating or manhole cover needs repair is changed to take into consideration the safety needs of cyclists, which are different to motorists, and that inspection engineers are trained in recognising defects that are hazardous to cyclists across the whole of the road. We also ask that ALL repairs are flat, without undulations and flush with the road surface."

2.2 The petitioners acknowledged that while the overall condition of the Borough's roads has improved significantly in recent years, some carriageway defects are not being addressed despite being reported, because they do not meet intervention criteria.

2.3 While these defects may not affect motorists, the petitioners considered that they adversely affected the comfort and safety of cyclists. Examples quoted included: potholes; sunken gullies; protruding manhole covers, and "tarmac rollover".

2.4 Cabinet resolved that:

- i. The recently updated and adopted Highway Maintenance Management Plan (HMMP) be noted, which is in accordance with best practice as set out in the National Code of Practice.
- ii. The Chairman of the Cycle Forum be requested to identify priority areas for attention.

2.5 Cabinet authorised an additional budget of £7,000 for cycling related maintenance schemes in 2012/13.

2.6 Members of the Cycle Forum were subsequently asked to identify areas where maintenance / remedial measures could be implemented to benefit cyclists. To date, the following schemes have been proposed:

A308, Albert Road, Old Windsor	£ nil
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigated complaint of sunken gullies with Streetcare.• Level difference was found to be minimal.• Remedial action would be ineffective and would result in more significant structural problems in long term.• Most cyclists use the existing shared use path, so it is not deemed to be a significant problem.• It is recommended that no further action be taken.	
Barry Avenue, Windsor (under rail bridge)	£800
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poor surface / obstructions on cycle lanes.• Interim works completed in time for Castle to Castle bike ride.• Traffic regulation order required to prohibit motorcycles.• Additional signing / barriers required to improve safety.	
Hibbert Road / Green Lane, Bray	£1,300
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The existing dropped kerb was found to be up to 40mm high.• Scheme designed to reduce upstand to a maximum of 6mm.• Works order placed.	
Ray Mill Road West	£tbc
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycle route from Town Moor has no dropped kerb at road junction.• Scheme under investigation.	

Members of the Cycle Forum are invited to propose additional sites for inclusion in the programme at the meeting or by contacting the Transport Policy Team (tel. 01628 796097 or email: transport.planning@rbwm.gov.uk).

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that members of the Cycle Forum note the progress made and identify additional schemes for inclusion in the programme.