

Open Report on behalf of Paul Coathup - Assistant Director for Highways & Transportation

Report to:	Councillor William Webb
Date:	17 October 2011
Subject:	The Removal of Amber Hill section from the Winter Maintenance Route 34
Decision Reference:	01967
Key decision?	No

Summary:

With the closure of Amber Hill School this section of road no longer meets Policy for winter salting and therefore it is proposed to remove the section from the precautionary gritted network.

Recommendation(s):

That the road is removed from the Precautionary Salted Network and added to the Severe Weather Route.

Alternatives Considered:

That the route remains in the Precautionary Salted Network.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The route no longer meets Policy.

1. Background

- 1.1 With the Closure of Amber Hill School this section of road no longer meets Policy for winter salting and therefore it is proposed to remove this section from the precautionary gritted network. The Policy states that a gritted route will be maintained to within 500m of a school and this is why this route was included in the precautionary network. It will, instead be transferred on to the Severe Weather Route. The route is 4 km's in length which will be freed up to be used elsewhere.
- 1.2 Both the Parish Council and County Councillor Miss A M Jenkyns have been appraised of the situation.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 It is recommended that approval is given to remove the Amber Hill section from the Winter Maintenance Route 34 as outlined in the report.

3. Legal Comments:

The Council as highway authority is responsible for the maintenance of public highways, and the standards for winter maintenance of those highways are set out in the Winter Maintenance Plan which supplements the Highways Plan. Winter maintenance operations give priority to Priority Routes as set out in the Plan. The Executive Councillor has the remit to amend the designation of a Priority Route within the existing policy provided he has the delegated authority of the Leader.

4. Resource Comments:

Approval of this report will remove 4km of winter salting route around Amber Hill. The removal of this length will generate a marginal saving in terms of overall Winter Maintenance expenditure.

5. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

Yes

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

Yes

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report

Appendix A	A Map of the Route to be taken off Winter Maintenance Plan
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7. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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