



Abinger Common, Road Gritting Petition

24 June 2009

A petition of 137 signatures was received on behalf of the residents of Abinger Common and other residents in the area as follows:

We, the undersigned, call on Surrey County Council Highways Services to bring Abinger Lane, Abinger Common into the scheduled road gritting arrangements. This road is currently not gritted and is the main access to Abinger Common First School and the village.

The Local Highways Manager responds:

The petition refers to the access road to Abinger Common First School and the village, which is not one of the roads included on the County's winter maintenance network. Under the current criteria for determining which roads are included on the primary salting network the road would not be added to the treated network. We receive numerous requests for additional roads to be added to the precautionary salting network across the county, especially since the recent, extended snow event that was the worst recorded locally since 1996. None of these requests would justify inclusion based on the current criteria, which have been applied for many years.

The Asset Planning Group of Surrey Highways is committed to reviewing all aspects of the County's Winter Service Policy and Operations following the 2008/09 season and preliminary work in various areas has already begun. Officers are seeking to rationalise policies and countywide operations to ensure consistency of approach. The review will include levels of provision in the various activities and maintenance of plant and machinery, together with labour and materials, all to be provided in the most cost effective and efficient way. I can confirm that Abinger Lane will be included within the review.

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