

Policy to be applied to requests for adoption of roads as highways maintainable at public expense – 1 August 2015.

PART A: Existing Policy:

Surrey County Council's (SCC) natural presumption is to adopt residential roads, streets, footpaths, cycleways and margins if they are constructed to a satisfactory standard, connect to an existing public maintainable highway, if commuted sums are paid where appropriate to provide for ongoing maintenance and provided they meet either of the tests sets out below:

Roads that:

- Serve six or more residential curtilages
- OR otherwise have wider public utility, including through serving as a Sustainable Drainage System *

*this could include parking areas of accesses to private areas if they serve as a Sustainable Drainage System.

Note:

- 1) Adoption will not proceed until full payment of all reasonable administration costs and commuted sums (as required under SCC's Commuted Sum Policy)

PART B: Policy to be applied from 1 August 2015:

SCC's approach is to adopt residential roads, streets, footpaths, cycleways and margins where they are constructed to a satisfactory standard, connect to an existing public maintainable highway, commuted sums are paid where appropriate to provide for ongoing maintenance and provided they meet either of the tests set out below:

Roads that:

- Serve six or more residential curtilages or equivalent
OR
- otherwise have wider public utility

Note:

- 1) Adoption will not proceed until full payment of all reasonable administration costs and commuted sums (as required under SCC's Commuted Sum Policy)

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