

North Yorkshire County Council
Business and Environmental Services

Executive Members

21 August 2020

Winter Gritting Routes 2020/21

Report of the Assistant Director – Highways and Transportation

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To enable the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services (BES), in conjunction with BES Executive Members to consider requests for amendments to the Winter Maintenance Service.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In accordance with the County Council procedure for winter maintenance, requests for additions or reductions to the Winter Maintenance service are considered by the Corporate Director – BES in conjunction with BES Executive Members prior to the commencement of winter operations.
- 2.2 Requests for amendments to the winter gritting routes have been compiled and are presented in Appendix A. Requests have been received for Area 2 - Thirsk (Hambleton) and Area 4 - Kirby Misperton (Ryedale). No requests have been received for Areas 1 (Richmond), 3 (Whitby/Scarborough), 5 (Skipton), 6 (Boroughbridge/Harrogate) or 7 – (Selby)

3.0 Proposed Action

- 3.1 Amend treatment routes where approved by the Corporate Director, BES in conjunction with BES Executive Members.

4.0 Equalities Implications

- 4.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equality impacts arising from the recommendation. It is the view of officers that the recommendation does not have an adverse impact on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 and a copy of the completed decision that “Equalities Impact Assessment is not required” form is included as Appendix B.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The additional costs of increased gritting will need to be catered for within the existing winter service budget and winter reserve funds.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no legal implications with these proposals.

7.0 Recommendation

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Corporate Director, BES in conjunction with BES Executive Members consider the attached requests for amendments to the current service in line with the County Council's Policy and uniformity of service across the County.

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Author of Report: Nigel Smith, Head of Highway Operations

Background Documents: None

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Area	Item	Requested by (and contact details)	Change Requested	Officer Comments	Officer Recommend	Member Approved
2	1	Mr Stephen Brisley, Whorlton Parish Council	<p>U1871 – Scugdale road from High Street, Swainby to Heathwaite.</p> <p>"I live at Heathwaite, Swainby and am a member of Whorlton Parish Council. Several people have contacted me regarding the problems many of us encounter navigating Scugdale Road during the winter when it is either frosty or even worse when it has snowed. The road is both quite narrow and steep and becomes very difficult, if not dangerous during the above conditions. Apparently the gritter lorry carries out an awkward manouvre turning round at the junction of Scugdale Road and Shepherd Hill in order to avoid going up Shepherd Hill. Would it be possible for the lorry to drive up Scugdale Road and then turn around at the post box in Heathwaite which is an easy manouvre due to the road junction there. This would perhaps add 5 minutes onto the route but help so many residents, some of whom are too scared to use the road when it is at all slippy. I look forward to your comments on this request</p>	<p>Currently a Priority 3 route. Category 4b</p> <p>To treat this road would be inconsistent with the approach elsewhere in the County.</p> <p>To accommodate this request with an amendment to a Priority 2 route, adding an additional 3.5km to the route including an extra 1.75km of treatment.</p>	No	

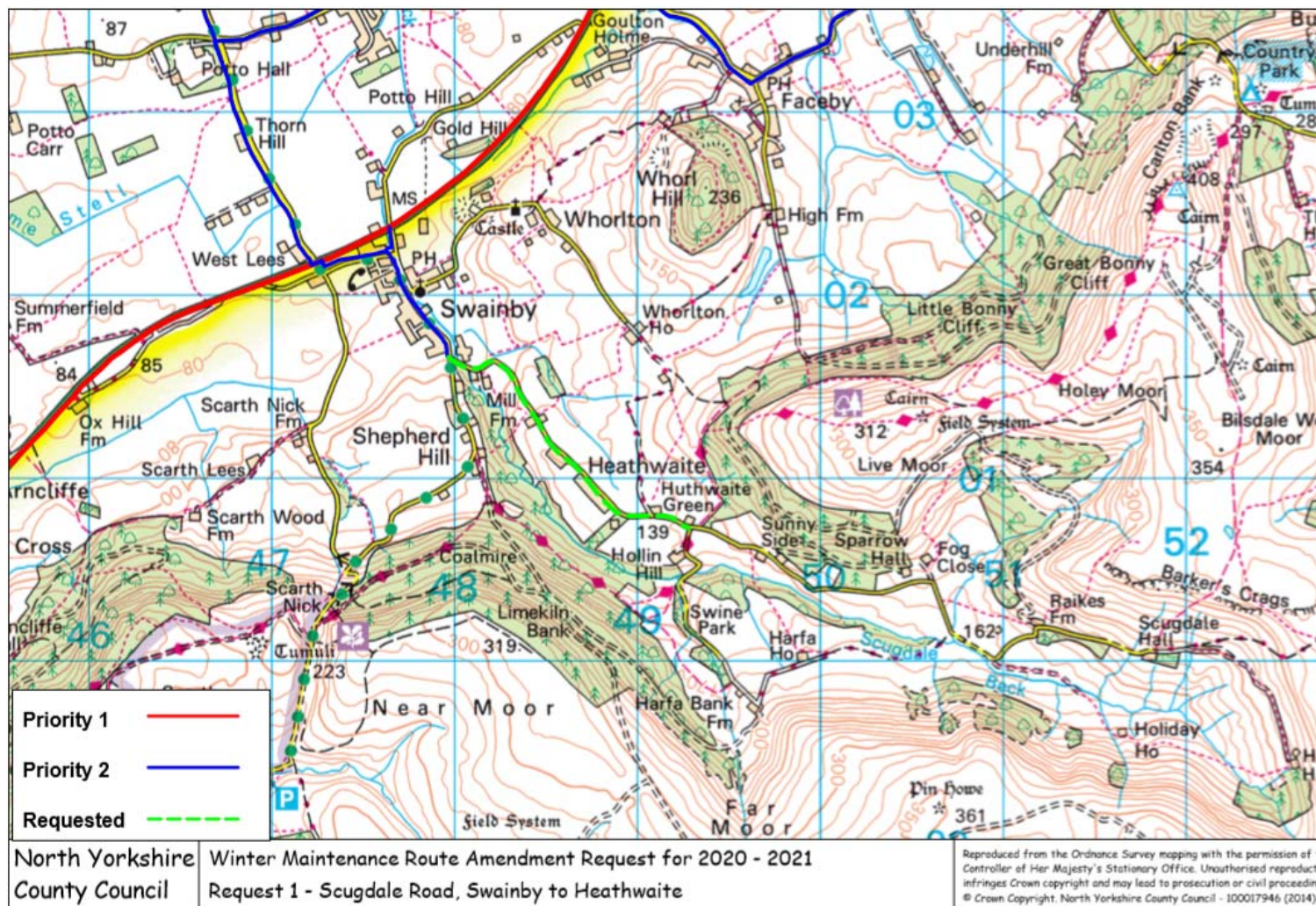
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2	2	<p>Andrew Davies</p> <p>Former Area Manager Richmond and Thirsk</p>	<p>C168, South Moor Lane between Dalton and Thirsk</p> <p>Request to put on list to be considered when originator was in post as there was an accident on this road in November 2019.</p>	<p>Currently a Priority 3 route, Category 4a</p> <p>Treatment as Priority 3 is appropriate to its alignment to the network hierarchy and consistent with the approach elsewhere within the County.</p> <p>The amendment within an existing Priority 2 route would add at least 6.6km of further treatment. This request was previously considered prior to the 2018-2019 season but was not approved.</p> <p>This has been further reviewed by the current Area Manager in discussion with Head of Highway Operations and not supported for the reasons outlined above</p>	No	
4	1	<p>Chris Buckle Supply Chain Manager Cranswick Gourmet Pastry Company Ltd</p>	<p>E-mail received from Mr Buckle:</p> <p><i>I am starting to pull together our Christmas plans for this year and part of this is to understand adverse weather contingency plans for our Retail supply.</i></p> <p><i>As you are aware from my previous e-mail, the ability for the site to be able to bring vehicles into site and out of site is critical at this time of year. As a business we make 2/3 of our profit at Christmas time and any impact on this would be a significant especially in an already troubled year.</i></p>	<p>Currently a Priority 3 route, Category 4a</p> <p>This Industrial Estate has a number of large employers located on it. In addition to Cranswick's there is the Malton Bacon Factory, a major local employer. The requested addition measures 1.3km</p> <p>However, the road is flat and low lying and we currently do not prioritise any other Industrial Estates in the County. To add this route would set a precedent which would be hard to defend if other</p>	No	

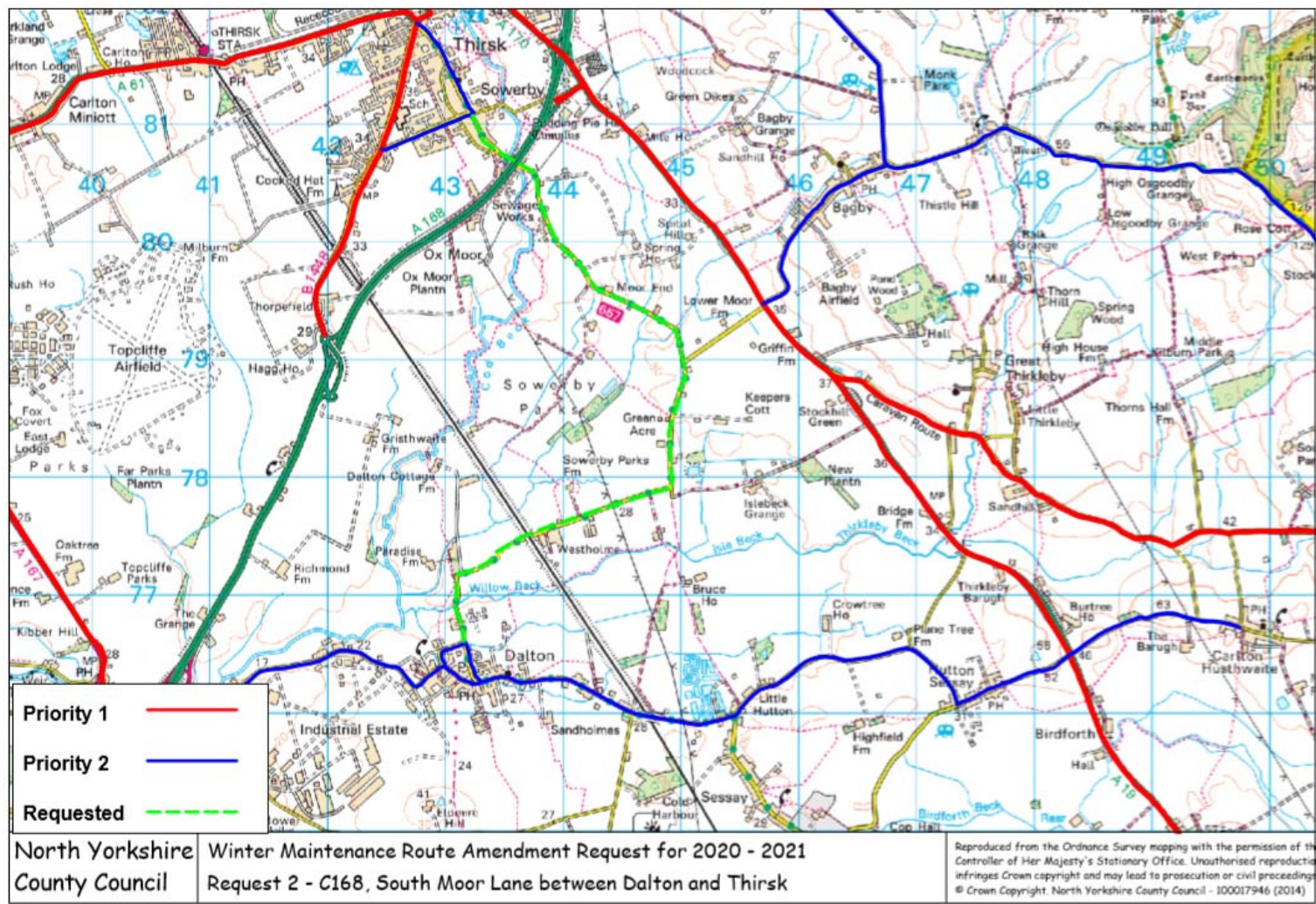
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			<p>His request is for us to include the Norton Grove Industrial Estate onto our Priority Two gritting network.</p>	<p>Industrial Estates put similar requests in.</p> <p>The Area Manager will look at the current grit bin provision and discuss any additions with the company concerned.</p>		
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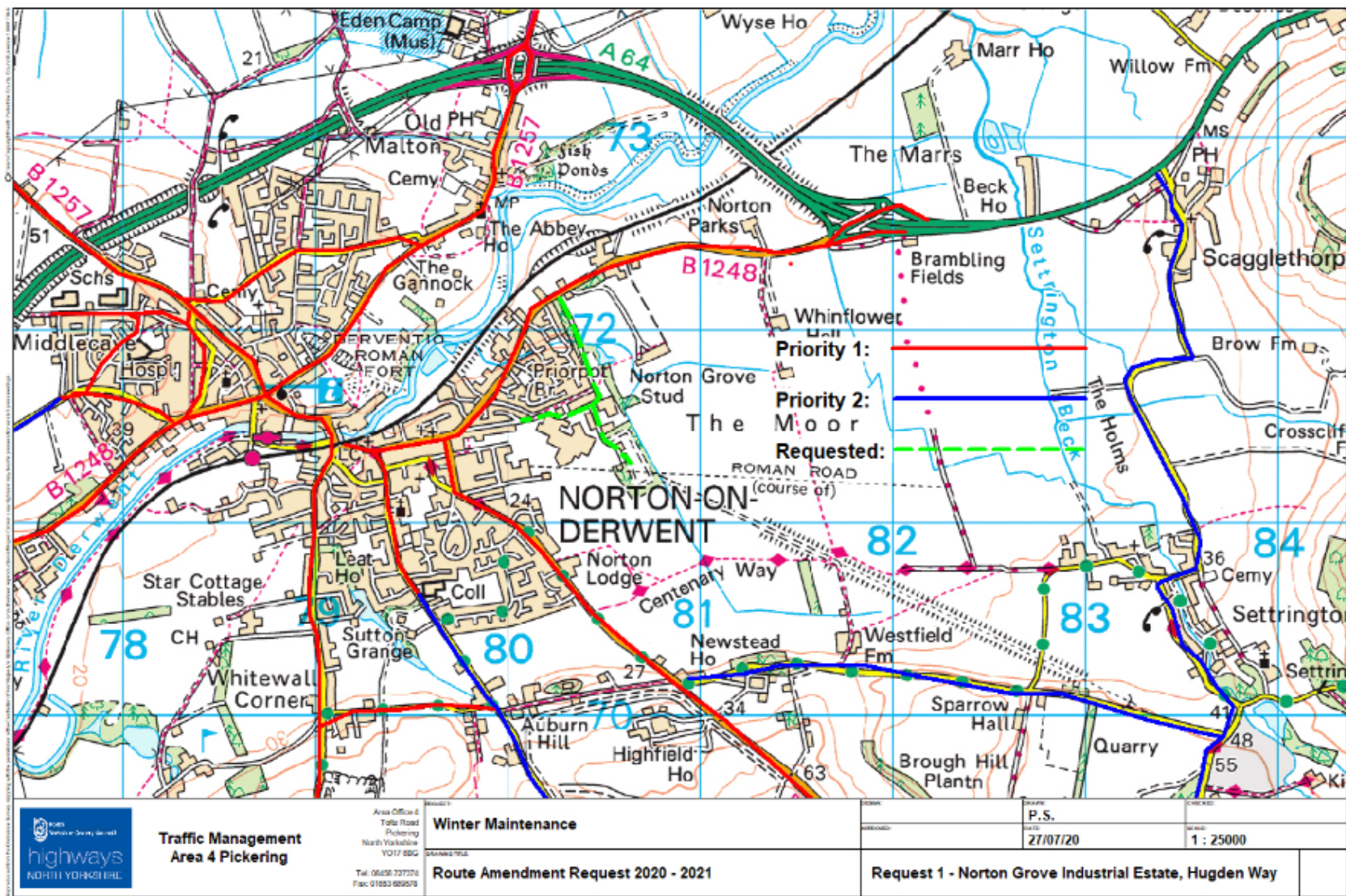
AREA 2 – REQUEST 1 (SCUGDALE ROAD)



AREA 2 – REQUEST 2 (SOUTH MOOR LANE)



AREA 4 – REQUEST 1 (NORTON GROVE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE)



Initial equality impact assessment screening form (As of October 2015 this form replaces 'Record of decision not to carry out an EIA') This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	Business and Environmental Services		
Service area	Highways & Transportation		
Proposal being screened	Winter Gritting Routes 2020-21		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Nigel Smith		
What are you proposing to do?	Annual review of the Council's winter maintenance service – in particular the gritting routes used across the County.		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	Each year a review of the winter maintenance service is undertaken. Requests for amendments to the gritting routes are considered. Requests might come from customers, Parishes or from Councillors. The main driver is to ensure that Councillors can consider requests for amendments to the current service in the context of the County Council's Policy and the need to ensure uniformity of service across the County.		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	No. Only a very small number of amendments are considered, which could if agreed be catered for within the existing winter service budget and winter reserve funds.		
Is there likely to be an adverse impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics? No If Councillors agreed to requests for amendments, the result would be an enhancement of service in a small number of sites. If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be a significant adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your Equality rep for advice if you are in any doubt.			
Protected characteristic	Yes	No	Don't know/No info available
Age		√	
Disability		√	
Sex (Gender)		√	
Race		√	
Sexual orientation		√	
Gender reassignment		√	
Religion or belief		√	
Pregnancy or maternity		√	
Marriage or civil partnership		√	
NYCC additional characteristic			

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People in rural areas		√	
People on a low income		√	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		√	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	No		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	No		
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	√	Continue to full EIA:
Reason for decision	Any decision that resulted in the changes requested being enacted would bring about an increase in service level. No change to the existing winter gritting arrangements as recommended by officers would bring no dis-benefits i.e. no drop in level of existing service would result. As such, with either decision there is no significant adverse impact as defined above therefore EIA not relevant.		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	<i>Barrie Mason</i>		
Date	<i>05/08/2020</i>		