

Have your say on the future of the Winter Maintenance Service

We are consulting on our proposals for the future of our Winter Maintenance Service. This includes:

- Reducing our Priority 2 precautionary gritting routes
- Reviewing the location and number of grit bins across the city
- Not recruiting any new Snow wardens

To have your say please complete this survey by **Friday 25 July 2014**. You can do this in a number of ways, including:

- Online at www.sheffield.gov.uk/winter
- Pick up a questionnaire from any Library, First Point or the Town Hall
- Complete the questionnaire and return it to us by freepost to:

Streets Ahead Highway Maintenance

Corporate Mail Facility

FREEPOST NEA5527

Town Hall

Sheffield

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Please ensure that you have read **the 'Proposals on the future of the Winter Maintenance Service'** document before completing this questionnaire as this document will provide you with further details and information about each of the proposals.

A copy of this document is provided within this pack and can also be downloaded from www.sheffield.gov.uk/winter



Reducing our Priority 2 precautionary gritting routes

We currently grit roads in advance of freezing temperatures to reduce the risk of ice forming and snow settling. We do this on Priority 1 and Priority 2 precautionary gritting routes.

Priority 1 Routes

The Priority 1 routes cover the major arterial routes and busiest main roads across the city. Our proposal **does not** affect those roads that are currently on the Priority 1 precautionary gritting network. A list of which can be found at www.sheffield.gov.uk/winter.

Priority 2 Routes

The Priority 2 routes cover some of the main roads and link roads through areas, roads with key public services on them (such as schools, doctors and care homes), and main routes to less populated areas.

Our Priority 2 precautionary gritting network has built up organically over the years and we are now reviewing and reassessing these routes to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the city.

We have reviewed our current Priority 2 routes to ensure safe and reliable access to:

- Emergency facilities
- Public service access needs
- Public transport routes
- Main industrial and business centres of key importance to the local economy

Roads not meeting the criteria for inclusion in the Priority 1 precautionary gritting routes have been reviewed to see if they are or should be eligible for inclusion on the Priority 2 precautionary gritting routes. They would be deemed eligible when:

- 1) The road forms part of a major SYPTTE bus route
- 2) The road has a main entrance to a School, Doctors Surgery, Pharmacy, Care Home, Residential Children's Home or other critical public facilities.
- 3) The road carries over 3000 cars per day **and** has a significant gradient (in excess of 20% / 1:5)

It is proposed that those roads that **do not** meet the criteria set out above are **removed** from the Priority 2 precautionary gritting routes, whilst other roads that **do meet** the criteria will be **added in**.

Details of our Priority 2 precautionary gritting routes can be found at: www.sheffield.gov.uk/winter where you can also review which roads are included and removed as part of our proposal.

1. What do you think about our proposed criteria for assessing which roads are included in the Priority 2 precautionary gritting routes?

Fair and reasonable

Fair and reasonable with some reservations

Not fair

Not sure

2. If you **did not** answer 'fair and reasonable' for Question 1 please provide any comments about this:

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3. Do you have any comments about our proposed Priority 2 precautionary gritting routes? (View Priority routes and proposed changes at: www.sheffield.gov.uk/winter)

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Grit Bins

We are reassessing the location and use of each grit bin across the city against a pre-determined scoring system. The location of each grit bin is assessed and given a mark of 1 if it meets any of the criteria outlined below. If the grit bin receives 2 or more marks then it will be kept on the network.

It is proposed that those grit bins that do not score 2 or more will be **removed** from the network and relocated to areas of greater need.

If flagged to us we will assess new locations for grit bins against the criteria below. As with all grit bin locations, when assessed, if they score 2 or more they will be added on to the network at those locations

It should be noted that regardless of the score achieved:

- If a road is already included in the Priority 1 or Priority 2 Precautionary Gritting Routes then that location is **unlikely** to be considered for a grit bin.
- If the potential grit bin location is within 200 metres of an existing grit bin, that location **will not** be considered for another grit bin.

Criteria

- On a road that has a drainage problem
- On a road that has a steep gradient of 1 in 5 (20%)
- On a bend that has a radius of less than 50 metres
- On a junction
- On a road that has a main entrance to sheltered housing
- On a road that has a main entrance to a school
- In an isolated area
- Near traffic signals (within 20m)
- Near a roundabout (within 20m)

4. What do you think about our proposed criteria for grit bin locations?

Fair and reasonable

Fair and reasonable with some reservations

Not Fair

Not sure

5. If you **did not** answer 'fair and reasonable' for Question 4 please provide any comments about this:

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6. Please tell us if you think a grit bin is needed at a location (where there isn't one currently) that meets the proposed criteria:

Please note that grit bins will only be provided in locations that meet the criteria. They will be placed in a suitable location on-street but please note that we are unable to consult with residents about specific locations.

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Snow Wardens

Over the years we have asked members of the public to volunteer to become Snow Wardens within their community. These Snow Wardens helped clear snow at times of wintry weather. They were provided with a snow shovel, high visibility vest and guidance notes on how best to shovel snow. This advice is also available online at www.sheffield.gov.uk/winter

We currently have over 500 snow wardens across the city and are asking them to continue helping their community in times of wintry weather. However, our proposal is to **not** recruit any further Snow Wardens or replacing any Snow Wardens.

7. What are your thoughts about not recruiting Snow Wardens?

- Fair and reasonable
- Fair and reasonable with some reservations
- Not fair
- Not sure

8. If you **did not** answer 'fair and reasonable' for Question 7 please provide any comments about this:

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About you

9. Gender:

Male

Female

10. Age group:

15 and under

16 – 24

25 – 34

35 – 44

45 – 60

Over 61

11. Do you have a health problem or disability – including problems related to old age - that restricts your day to day activities?

Yes – activities limited a little

Yes – activities limited a lot

No

12. Do you provide care – paid or unpaid – to someone because of long-term physical or mental ill-health or disability or problems relating to old age?

Yes

No

13. Please provide us with your street name and postcode:

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire and having your say.

The consultation closes on **Friday 25 July 2014** and once the decision has been made this will be published on www.sheffield.gov.uk/winter