

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 09

SALISBURY AREA BOARD
30 November 2010

ALLOCATION OF GRIT BINS

Background

- (a) The Council provides grit bins at suitable locations on minor roads not routinely treated with salt. The bins are filled with salt at the beginning of the winter season, and refilled periodically as the salt is used.
- (b) Earlier this year the Council carried out a review of grit bins with the Parish and Town Councils to confirm the location and condition of the 983 existing bins. As a result 65 of the bins are now being repaired or replaced
- (c) Following the severe weather last winter a large number of requests for additional bins were received. It is not feasible to meet the cost of providing and filling the 422 additional bins requested, but it would be possible to provide about 100 new bins.
- (d) It is necessary to prioritise the provision of these bins which represent a 10% increase in bins across the county.
- (e) It is proposed that each Area Board should have a 10% increase in the number of bins in their area. Salisbury has 61 existing grit bins and will therefore receive an additional 6 bins.

Factors to consider when prioritising the allocation of grit bins

- (f) Grit Bins are not provided on roads routinely treated by the Councils gritters.
- (g) Salt must only be used on the highway. It is not for use on private drives or other property.
- (h) The bins must be located so they do not obstruct the carriageway, footways or visibility.
- (i) They are usually placed on highway land, but may be placed on private land with the owner's agreement.
- (j) The final locations will have to be agreed by the area highway staff to ensure road safety.

- (k) The Council will arrange for the bins to be installed.
- (l) Arrangements will be made for them to be refilled, but in severe weather the gritting and clearing of snow from the main roads may have to take priority.
- (m) The Council can provide Parish and Town Councils with 1 tonne bags of salt in order to speed up the refilling of grit bins provided they have suitable under cover storage and the capability to fill bins in their area.
- (n) The agreed list of sites for the new Grit Bins should be provided to the area highway office as soon as possible so that the site can be inspected, and the bins installed and filled before the start of this winter.

The Salisbury Area Board has 6 additional bins to allocate in 2010/11

- (o) At the 30 September, 2010 Area Board, the Chair asked that requests for additional grit bins should be submitted to the Community Area Manager.
- (p) Responses received can be viewed on the spreadsheet (Appendix 1).
- (q) These responses were prioritised based on the following criteria:
 - is the location on a steep hill or a school bus route or a through route
 - does it affect the safety of young children, elderly people or those with disabilities
 - number of accidents in previous year

Recommendation

That the Area Board review the prioritised requests and make a decision on the allocation of 6 additional grit bins in Salisbury.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1: Requests for and Allocation of Grit Bins in the Salisbury Community Area.