

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

24<sup>th</sup> JULY 2002

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**PETITION**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider and decide action on a petition.

**Details of Petition**

2. The following petition has been received:
  - Hilmarton: Goatacre Lane - Highway drainage
3. Details of the petition, officer comments and recommendations are set out in the attached **Appendix 1**.
4. The petition and any supporting correspondence will be available in the **Members' Room** or from the Director of Corporate Services prior to the meeting.

**Recommendation**

5. The Committee is asked to consider the petition, along with officer comments, and any address made to Members by the petitioners at the meeting.

**Reason for Recommendation**

6. It is practice for the Committee to consider petitions in this standard format.

**RICHARD J. LANDER**

Director of Environmental Services

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**The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:**

None

**Environmental impact of the Recommendation contained in this Report:**

None



**Organiser:** Mr. and Mrs. M. Henley - Goatacre Residents Action Group

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Comments From Supporting Letters	Existing Speed Limit	Observations	Recommendation
<p>For many years Goatacre Lane has been subject to flooding due to blockages in the storm drains. Although repairs have been carried out by the County Council, the problem has not been resolved. We are determined that this situation be resolved for the following reasons:-</p> <p>(i) To avoid the inconvenience and discomfort of pedestrians of either having wet feet or having to wear wellingtons in order to gain access to the lane from their property and to walk in the lane.</p> <p>(ii) To avoid accidents to pedestrians and vehicles. When the road is flooded the risks are increased, but when freezing occurs there is a very real risk of a serious or even fatal accident.</p> <p>(iii) As the village is in a rural area, some storm water inevitably results from the run-off from fields in agricultural production. Potentially this water could contain pesticides, nitrates or animal waste, which could be harmful to human health.</p> <p>It will be unacceptable for the drains not to be renewed before the Winter of 2002-03.</p>	59	Hilmarton	None	30 mph	<p>Goatacre Lane is an Unclassified Road UC 017704 and is 840m long. In July 2001 in order to address 'highway water' flooding Mr. Fenwick's property Ringway Parkman undertook drainage works to the lower end of the lane including drain cleaning and the installation of a number of new gullies.</p> <p>Since this work was completed there have been no further reports of any property being flooded.</p> <p>Residents have recently commissioned Dyno-Rod to survey and video the highway drainage system in the lane and identified evidence of further drainage and blockages.</p> <p>Highway drains are not provided to carry run-off from fields – this is a matter for North Wiltshire District Council as the Land Drainage Authority.</p>	<p>That Ringway Parkman Drainage Survey Team carry out a full survey, assessment and cleaning of the drainage system in Goatacre Lane.</p> <p>At the time of the survey a repair crew be made available to effect immediate repairs to ensure the system remains operational whilst a strategy for the future is determined and costed.</p> <p>It is recommended that the survey be carried out in early September when groundwater levels should be at their lowest.</p> <p>Any improvement works identified could then be completed before the Winter, should adequate funds be available.</p>