

Appendix B
List of Roads Residents Reported to have been affected by the
Inclement Weather in December 2010

During the course of the review Councillors have gathered evidence from residents living in the Borough. This evidence is outlined below in alphabetical order. Attempts have been made to recognise whether each road is currently included on the County Council's gritting schedule, as displayed on the Worcestershire County Council website.

Ash Tree Road (not currently on the gritting schedule)

Residents have reported that the road was hazardous and not passable for many vehicles during the inclement weather.

Bentley Close (not currently on the gritting schedule)

Residents have reported that numerous requests were made for the grit box to be replenished though few responses were received. Bentley Close was reported by a local resident to have been inaccessible. Elderly and vulnerable residents living in sheltered housing had experienced particular difficulties and wardens had experienced difficulties attempting to access sheltered housing.

Bromfield Road (not currently included on the gritting schedule)

Residents have reported that they have requested that a grit bin be introduced on Bromfield Road. There are currently grit bins situated on David's Close, in the old Council building off Salop Road and on Salop Road. Would the introduction of an additional grit bin on Bromfield Road meet the County Council's criteria?

Residents have reported that during the winter weather they requested that grit be provided at the end of the road for residents to distribute along the road. Residents have also reported that in response to this request they were advised by Worcestershire County Council that there was no grit available for this purpose. To what extent was this request replicated across the Borough? Does Worcestershire County Council provide residents with salt stocks in this manner?

Bromsgrove Highway (Precautionary route)

Residents have reported that that the Bromsgrove Highway received minimal treatment and was treacherous. How frequently was this section of the highways cleared and treated with grit?

Bus Route – Windmill Drive (precautionary route) – Swinburne Road (secondary route) - Feckenham Road (secondary route) – Mason Road (secondary route)

Residents have reported that no snow ploughs or gritting took place on these roads during the snowy weather. To what extent did snow ploughing and gritting take place on these roads?

Residents have also reported that Swinburne Road was blocked with abandoned vehicles and a build up of snow on the corner with Mason Road

caused problems for buses trying to make a turning at the junction. Residents have explained that they eventually cleared the roads in this section to provide the buses with safe passage. To what extent did snow ploughing and gritting take place in this area?

Castleditch Lane (*secondary route*)

Residents have reported that cars belonging to residents living in the closes leading off Castleditch Lane were parked on the road. This created barriers for the buses.

Clent Avenue (*not currently included on the gritting schedule*)

Residents have reported that no gritting lorry was observed on Clent Avenue during the inclement weather. To what extent did snow ploughing and gritting take place on this road?

Residents have reported that a grit bin, located on the corner of Clent Avenue and Jubilee Avenue with Malvern Road, was twice requested through the Worcestershire Hub in 2010. Whilst grit bins have been provided on the corner of Clent Avenue and Mansell Road, on Malvern Road and on Mason Road, residents are concerned that this does not help residents living on the steep slope connecting Clent Avenue and Jubilee Avenue. Would the introduction of a grit bin on the corner of Clent Avenue and Jubilee Avenue with Malvern Road correspond with Worcestershire County Council's criteria for introducing grit bins.

Coldfield Drive (*precautionary route*)

Residents have reported that the road conditions on Coldfield Drive were dangerous for drivers. There is a steep gradient on the road which leads to a large Tesco's store. Road conditions were icy and snowy and a number of cars were abandoned on the road.

Foxlydiate Mews and Lock Close (*not currently on the gritting route*)

Residents have reported that during the inclement weather access to the Foxlydiate Mews Care Home, owned by the Bournville Village Trust, was restricted. Foxlydiate Mews can be accessed through Lock Close. Residents have requested that Lock Close and Foxlydiate Mews be added to the snow clearance and gritting route. Would it be possible, in accordance with Worcestershire County Council's criteria, to add Lock Close to the snow clearance and gritting routes to provide access to Foxlydiate Mews and / or to introduce a grit bin in the car park of Foxlydiate Mews?

Ivor Road (*precautionary route*)

Residents have reported that snow ploughing and gritting were not observed on Ivor Road during the inclement weather. This impacted on residents living on both Ivor Road, Bromfield Road and David's Close. How frequently was the snow cleared from Ivor Road and gritting applied during the winter period?

The Mayfields and Parsons Road (*both are precautionary routes*)

Gritting was observed on The Mayfields and one section of Parson's Road as far as Tunnel Drive. However, residents have reported that gritting and snow

clearance did not occur on the remaining section of Parson's Road and gritting vehicles were observed in the evening on The Mayfields which did not appear to be distributing grit. Residents also reported that a bus became stuck between the Mayfields and Parson's Road due to the road conditions and could not be moved for three hours.

Residents have questioned whether it is possible for gritting to be applied to the section of Parson's Road between Mount Pleasant and Tunnel Drive due to the steep gradient. What was the experience of Worcestershire County Council in this respect during the winter weather?

Residents have questioned whether it would be possible to close off the exit from Mount Pleasant to Parson's Road during periods of snowy weather. (Parson's Road is a one way street).

Moorcroft Gardens (*not currently included on the gritting schedule*)

Residents have reported that they were unable to leave this close because there was no grit bin situated on the road. Would Moorcroft Gardens meet the County Council's criteria for introducing a grit bin?

Moors Lane, Feckenham (*not currently included on the gritting schedule*)

Councillors have been advised that Feckenham Parish Council has requested a grit bin on Moors Lane. However, Moors Lane is currently unadopted highway. To what extent would Worcestershire County Council support the introduction of a grit bin on this location?

Nine Days Lane (*secondary route*)

Residents have suggested that Nine Days Lane is regularly cleaned during periods of snowy weather because a Council employee lives in the area. How does Worcestershire County Council currently respond to these types of allegations?

The Slough (*covered by a cross boundary arrangement with another county*)

Residents have advised that the section of The Slough leading towards the Crabbs Cross roundabout quickly becomes icy and creates dangerous driving conditions. Accidents have occurred in this area as a consequence of these icy road conditions. Residents have suggested that consideration could be given to further measures being taken to improve the safety of the road conditions on this section of the road.

Stonepits Lane (*secondary route*)

The Councillors have been advised that Stonepits Lane was cleared of snow during the inclement weather and some gritting took place. However, the road conditions were poor and access to St Augustine's School was restricted because vehicles were abandoned on the road. To reduce this problem in future and to ensure the safety of pupils and residents it has been suggested that the cul-de-sacs leading off Stonepits Lane should also be gritted. (These cul-de-sacs are as follows: Brookfield Close, Chesterton Close, Claverdon

Close, Ditchford Close, Elmhurst Close and Farmcote Close). To what extent would it be possible to add these locations to the gritting schedule during periods of inclement weather?

Studley Road (Greenlands) (*precautionary route*)

Residents have reported that driving conditions on Studley Road were dangerous and gritting was not observed on the road. To what extent was this road cleared and gritted during the course of the inclement weather?

Tennyson Road (*secondary route*)

Residents have reported that a snow plough was observed attempting to enter Tennyson Road but was unable to do so because a parked car blocked access at the time of the snow plough's visit. No snow plough was observed by residents revisiting the road to clear the snow at a later date. To what extent was the snow cleared from this location?

Turton Gardens, Feckenham (*not currently included on the gritting schedule*)

Councillors have been advised that Feckenham Parish Council has requested a grit bin on Turton Gardens which leads to a new housing estate. However, Turton Gardens is currently unadopted highway. To what extent would Worcestershire County Council support the introduction of a grit bin on this location?

William Street (*not currently included on the gritting schedule*)

Residents have reported that the condition of William Street, leading to the Dow Surgery in Redditch, had been very poor. It was reported that the snow had not been cleared at any point during the inclement weather.

Willow Way (*part of Willow Way is included on a secondary route*)

The Councillors have been advised that roads close to Pitcheroak School, including Willow Way, were difficult to access. To what extent did snow clearance and gritting take place in this area?