

SSRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 24TH JANUARY 2019

WE NEED TO KNOW YOUR OPINION ON THE WHEATSHEAF LANE RESURFACING

The Committee is taking the unusual step of asking all of the Associations members for their opinion on the Wheatsheaf Lane resurfacing project. This is because at the AGM two different treatments were discussed and at the end of the discussion, there was no clear majority for either option. The two treatments are set out below for you to study, when you have read through the details please respond to this email and tell the Committee which one would be your preference. **One vote per household. Voting options are on page 2.**

The **original** treatment recommended was to “scalp” the existing road surface to a depth of 75mm and then to relay with a tarmac product “*Stone Mastic Asphalt*” (SMA) to a depth of 50mm. This product was specified by both of the contractors with whom we have obtained quotations. The cost of this work (including VAT) would be **£26,266.80**.

Keith Slater has brought to our attention an **alternative** product “*Hot Rolled Asphalt*” (HRA). It is Keith’s opinion that this product should typically last for about 20 years as opposed to 12 for SMA. For *exactly the same job* in terms of scalping and relaying, the cost of using this product would be **£29,552.40**, some £3,300 more than SMA.

It was the recommendation of the Committee that we proceed with the less expensive option for the following reasons. the SMA will last in excess of 12 years, the revenue remaining from using the less expensive option will allow us to resurface the two remaining roads more quickly with remaining funds and thus mitigate the possibility of injury and liability due to their current deteriorated state.

It should be noted that we had contacted the Highways Department of Surrey County Council for independent and unbiased advice and that their *Chief Engineer* responded recommending the less expensive SMA option, having evaluated traffic levels, potential wear and location. Their reply further stated that they (Surrey County Council) only specified HRA on “*roundabouts or highly trafficked roads*”.

The two options were voted on at the AGM but neither attracted a significantly higher number of votes, the actual figures were 14 in favour of the original treatment (SMA) and 13 for the alternative HRA. Your committee considered this too small a difference on which to base an expenditure of this size. Therefore we are asking the Association as a whole to let us know your preference. Please respond to this mail ASAP and let us know, no need to go into great details, we just need to know whether to order the SMA or the HRA option. The votes will be counted on the basis on **one vote per household**.

VOTING OPTIONS

To reiterate, the voting options are below:

“Stone Mastic Asphalt” (SMA) £26,266.80.	“Hot Rolled Asphalt” (HRA) £29,552.40
Approx Lifespan in excess of 12 years	Approx Lifespan in excess of 20 years
Same format of works, same timescales	Same format of works, same timescales
Less expensive allowing funds for work on the other roads more quickly without massively increasing subs	More expensive, which means it will take more time to amass funds to service our other roads.

YOUR VOTE – Please mark X in or next to the chosen box below:
*(please note - **deadline** is the 31st January 2019)*

SMA
£26,266.80

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HRA
£29,552.40

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Thanks in advance for your cooperation

SSRA Committee