

# Caddington & Slip End Parish Council's

## Working in Partnership

### ad hoc gritting of local roads

### Statement of purpose

1. The Local Council's serving the Parishes of Caddington and Slip End have a long history of working together and recently decided to submit a successful bid to CLG for front runner status in the Neighbourhood Plan process under the provisions of the Localism and Decentralisation Bill.
2. The two Parish Councils have formed the Caddington & Slip End Action Zone (known as the Action Zone) which has the express purpose of providing and enabling additional services to local communities.
3. One such additional service identified within the Action Zone is ad hoc gritting of local roads not covered by the Local Authority (Central Bedfordshire) during winter months. The Action Zone has reached agreement with the Local Authority to provide additional, ad hoc gritting on the highway network which is explicitly designed not to be compliant with the published Winter Service Maintenance Plan (WSMP).
4. The purpose of this paper is, as a general statement of intent, to lay out how the Action Zone will provide additional road gritting on the local roads network.
5. The Action Zone's gritting service will provide through either mechanical or by other means an additional ad hoc service which is intended to augment the more formal WMSP which is provided by the Local Authority or its agents.
6. The local road network not covered by the Local Authority has been identified and the Action Zone will use its discretion (subject to available resources) to apply road grit in a less formal and ad hoc manner to facilitate easier movement of people and vehicles locally during winter months.
7. Road salt, to a similar specification to the Local Authorities own road salt, will be applied using volunteers who will be appropriately insured and covered by liability insurance.
8. The Action Zone explicitly does not wish to provide a service that is compliant with the WMSP and sees the additional gritting service as an ad hoc complimentary service to that provided by the Local Authority.
9. The Action Zone will use a range of methods to communicate the service to local communities and ensure that information is widely available within the locality. Priority areas will be identified by the Action Zone and these priority areas will be kept under constant review to ensure that the limited capacity and capability are used most effectively.

10. The Action Zone will ensure that at all times this additional ad hoc service will be provided in a professional and responsible manner and in accordance with the agreement reached with Central Bedfordshire Council.
11. Contact details for the Action Zone are available through the relevant Parish web sites and on Parish notice boards.

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