

## POLICY

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### Roads and Streets

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### PRIVATE FUNDING OF SEAL EXTENSION

#### 1 Introduction

There are currently 615 kilometres of unsealed roads in the District (at 30 June 2012), 93% of which carry fewer than 100 vehicles per day and none carry more than on average 200 vehicles per day. It is difficult to justify the cost of sealing unsealed roads that carry less than about 300-400 vehicles a day on economic grounds alone.

There are situations where adjoining property owners are willing to partly fund the sealing of unsealed roads for their benefit.

#### 2 Policy Context

The Council will seal roads where the adjoining property owner is willing to fund 50% of the cost of the sealing.

#### 3 Policy Objective

The objective of this policy is to enable property owners to partially fund seal extensions for their benefit and at the same time recognising that the general road user will also benefit from the sealing.

#### 4 Policy Statement

Private seal extensions up to a total length of 1km/year may be approved by the Manager, Utilities and Roding, under delegated authority, subject to the following conditions:

- 4.1 Those requesting the work will pay 50% of the cost. The balance shall be funded as a deficit balance within the current years roading account.
- 4.2 The width of the seal is to be determined by the Manager, Utilities and Roding in accordance with the Engineering Code of Practice. Normally this will be 6.0m; however, this may be altered when the nature of the road and its traffic density indicate another width is more appropriate. The absolute minimum width in any circumstance is 4.0m.
- 4.3 All private seal extensions shall have a two-coat wet-coat chip seal surface as determined by the Manager, Utilities and Roding<sup>1</sup>.
- 4.4 Normal minimum length of seal extension is 100m. The actual length to be sealed is to be determined by the Manager, Utilities and Roding who will determine an appropriate end-point having consideration for the road alignment.
- 4.5 The gap to the nearest section of seal is normally not to be less than 400m providing:
  - (a) that the "minimum gap" requirements shall only be enforced at the end of the seal-extension closest to the adjacent sealed surface; and
  - (b) any gap less than that detailed in section 4.4 is to be sealed in accordance with section 4.1 and 4.2.
- 4.6 The sealed road will remain the property of the Council in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1974 s317*.

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<sup>1</sup> This condition is necessary to ensure that future maintenance costs are able to be shared with the Crown.

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- 4.7 Future maintenance, including resealing, will be the responsibility of the Council
- 4.8 Any “traffic services” such as road marking, signs etc, will be provided by Council at no expense to the applicant(s).
- 4.9 The design and specification for the work will normally be prepared by the Council and all work will be organised by the Council at its expense and the costs shared in accordance with section 4.1.

#### **5 Links to legislation, other policies and community outcomes**

*Local Government Act 1974 s317*

#### **6 Adopted by and date**

Adopted by Council on 2 April 2013.

#### **7 Review**

Review every six years or sooner on request.