

WELCOMES AND UPLANDS ROAD ASSOCIATION EXCHANGE OF EMAILS
REGARDING COUNCIL POLICY RE ADOPTION OF PRIVATE ROADS

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to Colin, me, Michael

Dear Colin

Firstly, I hope you are well?

Thanks for your follow up email and my apologies for the delay in coming back to you, it's been a little busy especially with the run up to the elections.

Up until the mid-1970's the Council had an active programme of private street improvements but due to financial restrictions being imposed on the Council by Central Government the programme was abandon and this remains the case today, so it is unlikely to be reinstated in the foreseeable future. That said I will ask the highways team to look at this and come back to you in due course.

Regards

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Dear Colin I refer to your email to Steve Iles regarding the adoption of Welcomes Road and Uplands Road.

The residents or management agent can use Section 37 of the Highways Act (1980) to put forward their road/s for adoption by the Council.

The council does not have a specific application form for a Section 37 adoption (adoption of an existing road) but the process is relatively similar to the adoption of a new road under Section 38 of the Highway Act and for which an application form is attached which attracts an initial £2000 fee.

The residents/ management agents will need to submit suitable plans stating their intention to offer the roadway for dedication as public highway. Croydon Council will then arrange for various inspections to happen including the road, the street lighting,

arrange for some necessary laboratory testing to establish whether the road and its street furniture were built to our requirements (adoptable standards).

There will also be legal checks to establish that the residents/ management agents possesses adequate title to dedicate the road as public highway.

It is difficult at this time to put together a list of fees as the process involves a number of departments across the council including our Legal Services, Land Charges, as well as other external services. My recommendation to the residents should they wish to pursue this would be to work with an experienced consultant who would have a broad knowledge about the legal and highway requirements for adopting an existing road and would be able to check if Welcomes Road and Uplands Road were built to Croydon's highway standards and whether these will need to undertake additional work to bring the road to an adoptable standard. I have included details of some of the councils requirements as listed in our Public Realm Design Guidance (https://www.croydon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/articles/downloads/Croydon%20PRDG%202019_r2.pdf).

However, due to financial restrictions placed on the council over past years, the programme of adopting new roads ceased and this is likely to continue for some time into the future

In the meantime if there are any matters arising, I would however be happy to assist

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