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Additional Salt Bins and Grit Run

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Dear Sandra

Wiltshire has around 1600 salt bins across the network as a result of requests over many years. During snow or ice, the salt bins across Wiltshire can take a couple of days to empty but can take a number of weeks to fill and presents an enormous challenge at this, the busiest time of the year. As such, no new salt bins have been allocated across the county in the past six years. However, Tisbury has a number of salt bins, some of which appear to be fairly low usage. The weather team are able to arrange the relocation of salt bins that are not being used so much to busier areas if you wish? If this is something that you would like to consider, e-mail the weather team with your proposals and it can be arranged providing the new locations are suitable for access and not causing an obstruction. The Parish Council can also purchase and maintain their own salt bins and the weather team can also arrange this.

Whilst I appreciate the difficulties driving on icy roads around the Churchill estate, we receive many requests regarding the treatment of roads. Some are for housing estates, bus routes and commuter routes and others for roads that lead to schools, hospitals, industrial estates and other places of interest but with such a large road network, it is not feasible to treat all roads. The Highway Authority has a duty to keep the public highway clear from ice and snow so far as is reasonably practicable which it does in compliance with the Code of Practice, and our Policy on winter service. With around 1160 km of roads to treat each time we salt, extending the lengths of road given treatment to include the Churchill Estate area is not feasible at this time because of the limited number of specialist gritting vehicles and their carrying capacity.

I hope that this information is useful but will note your request if the opportunity arises to review the salting routes in the future.

Regards

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