WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS ARE ASKING FOR THE FOLLOWING ROADS:

POUND LANE, STONEY LANE, HEATH END (ALSO KNOWN AS RECTORY HILL) IN THE HP5 2UG and HP4 3UE AREA TO BE GRITTED AS PRIORITY 1 ROADS

WE QUALIFY WITHIN YOUR DECLARED ASSESSMENT RISK RATING SCORE SYSTEM ON THE FOLLOWING COUNTS;

- 1) These three roads converging each with a gradient of more than 10 per cent.
- 2) There are sharp blind sloping bends
- 3) It is a frost hollow in which the thick ice has persisted for 16 days in December 2009
- 4) It is on a school bus route
- 5) It is historically a gritted route (our knowledge goes back over 25 years residency)

ADDED TO THIS IS THE EXPERIENCE OF 2009 WHEN FOR A TOTAL OF 24 DAYS IN THREE SEPARATE EPISODES IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER, THIS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN CUT OFF FOR NON-4X4 VEHICLES, AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR PROPERTIES. THIS HAS CAUSED A HIGH DEGREE OF DISTRESS PARTICULARLY AMONG OLDER RESIDENTS AND PREVENTS KEY WORKERS – WE HAVE A TEACHER, LAWYER, BUSINESSMEN AND BUSINESSWOMEN AMONGST OUR RESIDENTS – FROM GOING ABOUT THEIR LAWFUL BUSINESS.

ALSO THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MINOR ACCIDENTS, INCIDENTS, FALLS, DELIVERY VAN STRANDED FOR FIVE HOURS, ROAD BLOCKED, PEOPLE TO BE AIDED WITH MATS, PUSHING ETC. IT IS A DANGEROUS SITUATION AND THEREFORE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY ASPECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. SEVERAL HOUSES IN HEATH END AND HAWRIDGE VALE ARE LESS THAN A METRE FROM THE ROAD WITH NO PROTECTION – ie WALL OR FENCE – SO PROPERTY IS AT RISK FROM SKIDDING VEHICLES.

THE MISERY OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD WE HAVE EXPERIENCED HERE WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY GRITTING AT THE START IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IN YOUR REVIEW IF YOU WOULD ENSURE WE ARE INCLUDED IN THE PRIORITY 1 ROUTE, WHICH WILL ADD PERHAPS TEN MINUTES FOR THE GRITTERS AND NEGLIGIBLE EXTRA COST TO COUNCIL

PETITION TO "TRANSPORT for BUCKINGHAMSHIRE" 1st January 2010