



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Elmbridge)**

LETTER OF REPRESENTATION RESPONSE

Hampton Court Avenue – Request for Highway Maintenance

28th November 2011

KEY ISSUE

A letter of representation has been received requesting maintenance of the highway in Hampton Court Avenue, East Molesey, both in terms of the quality of the surface of the road and verges.

SUMMARY

Surface treatment is currently programmed for this financial year for Hampton Court Avenue. Members may be minded to consider the request for verge improvements as part of next year's funding given current budgets are committed for this financial year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the content of the report

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A letter of representation has been submitted to this Committee, on behalf of the residents of Hampton Court Avenue, signed by 55 residents. The full details are as follows:

I attach a petition signed by all residents of Hampton Court Avenue who were available to sign. All residents have signed with the exception of residents who were not in when we called. The petition is to request the Council to repair our road which is in such a very poor state. The grass verges are also in a very poor state and need to be repaired.

- 1.2 Hampton Court Avenue is located in East Molesey, a small cul-de-sac off the B3379 Esher Rd/Ember Lane.
- 1.3 The road is residential in nature and is subject to a 30mph speed limit.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 There is no vehicular flow information available at this location, however site observations conclude that the route is quiet in nature, primarily of residential use.
- 2.2 Having visited the location it is clear the road would benefit from surface treatment and indeed it has already been included in the Annual Surface Treatment Programme (reported to Committee 20th June).
- 2.3 As identified by the petitioners, the verges in the road have degraded over time, it is considered that this is primarily due to vehicles parking on the verge.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 With regard the quality of the verges there are options available however it is considered hard to justify intervention at this point in time given that resources are committed. There are three possible options:
- 1) physically prohibiting parking on the verges using shrubs/trees/bollards, this would be likely to meet with objection as it would appear residents currently use the verges to park on.
 - 2) The second option would be to level off and re-seed the verges, however it is likely the issue would return in future if current parking arrangements continued.
 - 3) The third option would be to strengthen the verges however this is costly and would be likely to alter the appearance of the area. The scope for verge hardening is limited this financial year given the work would be relatively costly (up to 10k) and funds are fully committed this year.

Members may be minded to consider these options for future years. There is though a trade-off to be made given that residents parking appears to be a contributory factor behind the issue.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 This report is being considered following the request of residents within this area.
- 4.2 The location was visited and reviewed by Highway Officers.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The surface treatment scheme is being funded from Countywide budgets and will not require any funding assistance from Local Committee Allocations. The cost of verge hardening would require a detailed pricing to occur, it is though anticipated that this would cost up to £10k - this may though rise if there are utility issues under the surface, trial pits would be needed to ascertain depths of any services.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Given surface treatment is planned for this financial year it is recommended that Members note the content of the report.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 The road will benefit from surface treatment. Residents and the Local Member will be informed of dates when available.

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