

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

**LETTER OF REPRESENTATION
REQUEST FOR CARRIAGEWAY REPAIR, ELM TREE AVENUE,
THE DITTONS**

14th JUNE 2012

KEY ISSUE

To provide Members with an Officer response to the letter of representation submitted to the Local Committee.

SUMMARY

A letter of representation has been received signed by 43 signatories requesting highway repairs in Elm Tree Avenue.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Elmbridge Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the content of the report

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A letter of representation signed by 43 signatories has been submitted to the local office on behalf of the residents of Elm Tree Avenue. The full details are as follows:

“We the undersigned, do hereby petition Surrey County Council to urgently rectify the following serious road safety failings on Elm Tree Avenue:

- a) missing white stop lines at the junction of Elm Tree Avenue and Ember Lane (not reinstated following road resurfacing work undertaken by Surrey County Council several months ago);**
- b) potholes on the carriageway of Elm Tree Avenue.**

Please be advised that Elm Tree Avenue is the access means to St Paul’s Catholic Primary School and Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Surrey County Council’s serious road safety failings present a material risk to our local community, and in particular our children.”

- 1.2 Elm Tree Avenue links Ember Lane and A309 Hampton Court Way. Although it is a residential road, it would appear that some highway users utilise it as a rat run between the two roads.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Further to the letter of representation being received the NE Area Team visited the location and raised a number of defects for rectification. Specifically:
- 13 pot holes for repair
 - White lining reinstatement at the junction
- 2.2 At the time of writing 11 of the 13 pot holes identified for repair have been repaired and the white lining has been reinstated. The two remaining pot-holes will be followed up, it is believed they may have been delayed due to parked cars/traffic when the crew visited the location. A cost for a longer-term solution at the bell mouth has been requested and Members will be asked to consider funding it from the newly created Structural Repair budget.
- 2.3 Officers would advise that such issues can be raised via the SCC website or to highways@surreycc.gov.uk to avoid the need for a petition / letter of representation and possible delay in rectifying safety defects.
- 2.4 It is understood there is also local concern over the condition of the edge of the carriageway. The visit did not find that this work merited expediting when considered against the County’s safety defect matrix.

The issue will though be added to the records as a site of 'condition' concern and be monitored for safety critical deterioration.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 One option would have been to await a Committee decision on the letter of representation prior to acting. However, given the nature of the request it was considered appropriate to visit the location and raise any defects found.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Costs for a longer-term structural repair solution at the bell mouth are currently being sought. County budgets have funded the safety critical work raised.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Given the findings on-site it was considered appropriate to raise the necessary orders for repairs prior to the Committee meeting.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 8.1 Once costs are received for the Local Structural Repair work the Committee will be asked to consider funding work. It should though be recognised that there will be competing demands on this budget from across the Borough.

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