



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(EPSOM AND EWELL)**

PETITIONS RECEIVED

10 SEPTEMBER 2007

KEY ISSUE

Two petitions have been received since the last meeting of this Committee.

SUMMARY

The petitions are summarised in Annexe A, for information.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Epsom and Ewell) is asked to agree that:

- (i) The contents of the attached Annexe are noted.

ANNEXE A
SUMMARY OF THE PETITIONS RECEIVED

Received from:	Summary of petition comments	Engineers comments
<p>10 residents of Cudas Close, Stoneleigh.</p>	<p>Petitioners are objecting to the problems caused by the parking related to the Mead School. Residents report access and egress problems, poor visibility, obstruction issues, safety problems due to the potential pedestrian / vehicle conflict.</p> <p>Residents are requesting parking restrictions on one side of the road; 'keep clear' road markings across driveways and the appointment of a 'parking co-ordinator', by The Mead school, to assist at peak problem times.</p>	<p>Installing waiting restrictions would move the problems elsewhere. Restrictions would no doubt be frequently ignored due to the limited resources that can put towards enforcement. The density of parking, which inevitably causes congestion, does have the benefit of reducing vehicle speeds to a minimum, at a time when the most vulnerable members of the community are walking in the vicinity.</p> <p>The very high levels of car ownership in the district and indeed the County as well as the fact that children are no longer required to go to their local school, does generally add to the problems experienced in the vicinity of most schools. One way that the level of parking will reduce is by implementing green travel plans / car share schemes and encouraging more people to walk and cycle to school. These are all things that can be developed as part of a 'Safe Routes to School' scheme. The County Council is currently working with many of the schools in the area to develop such schemes. The Community Travel Advisor for the area will be informed of residents concerns for this reason.</p> <p>If an obstruction were to occur due to inconsiderate parking then the police have powers to deal with such matters and the local Police Station should be contacted. County Council Officers will also advise Surrey Police of the concerns raised. The Local Highway Service can provide access protection markings, across driveways.</p>

		These will assist in discouraging drivers from parking across driveways.
Received from:	Summary of petition comments	Engineers comments
78 Residents of Grafton Road, Worcester Park.	Petitioners are strongly objecting to the deterioration / condition of 'pavements,pathways, kerbstones, grass verges and roadway that make up Grafton Road'. The petitioners are requesting action is taken to address the issues highlighted.	<p>There is a statutory requirement to carry out a highway inspection in this road once a year. During the course of this inspection, defects are noted and then assessed in accordance with the County Council's Inspections Standards and Procedures Document. This document sets out how to categorise the defects found which then determines their priority. The higher the priority, the more likelihood there is of funding being assigned and shorter timescales are set for those elements of work that are of greatest need, for safety reasons.</p> <p>Grafton Road was last inspected in June 2007 and a number of defects have been noted and where possible, works have been requested.</p> <p>In between the statutory inspections, the County Council does respond to adhoc complaints, where possible and within the resources available.</p>

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