



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(MOLE VALLEY)**

MEMBER WRITTEN QUESTIONS

07 DECEMBER 2010

The following questions were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 47.

Question from County Councillor Tim Hall (Leatherhead and Fetcham East)

Grit Bins

The residents of Drayton Close and neighbouring parts of Badingham Drive are concerned about Grit Bins and would like answers to the following questions:

1. How many points under the County Council scheme would be needed to get a replacement grit bin at the junction of Badingham Drive and Drayton Close?
2. How many points did the site merit in the recent Officer review of the site?
3. Why was the previous Grit Bin at this site removed? By whom? And when?

Response from SCC Highways

1. There are no funds available for new grit bin locations this financial year and although the site has been scored against the provision of grit bins criteria no priority cut off point has been fixed for this year. Last year the priority cut off was 145 points.
2. 125 points.

3. Officers have no record of the grit bin being either in position or having been removed. On the grit bin records available dating back to 2006 this particular site was not listed.

In order for this site to progress alternative funding would be required to meet the cost of £2,500 which cover the supply of the grit bin filled with salt / grit mix, annual filling and maintenance of the grit bin for a ten year period.

Question from County Councillor Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills)

At the September meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee it was agreed to fund and implement during the current financial year reduced speed limits on the A25 Dorking to Westcott and the B2209 Old London Road in Mickleham. What actions have been taken since the September meeting to implement these reduced speed limits and will they be implemented as agreed before 31 March 2011?

Response from SCC Highways

The A25 Dorking to Westcott speed reduction scheme has been designed and priced. The Speed Limit Order has been made. The scheme is on programme to be implemented this financial year.

The B2209 Old London Road, Mickleham speed reduction scheme has been designed but there is an issue with one location where the necessary signing cannot be provided due to land constraints. Officers are in contact with the Department of Transport (DoT) seeking special dispensation to permit only one sign to be provided at this location rather than the required two. Officers are also liaising with the Parish Council to investigate options for siting the second sign on private land, which would remove the need for DoT special dispensation. Officers are confident that this issue can be resolved and a price will then be sought for the works. The Speed Limit Order has been advertised and there were no objections. Once the sign issue has been resolved, the Order will be made. It is anticipated that this will be either later this month or early in January 2011. It is still the intention that the scheme will be implemented this financial year.

Question from County Councillor Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills)

The Westcott to Dorking cycleway scheme costs are £180,000 and as the report on today's agenda shows a significant part of this budget has been spent on the improvement work to the existing public bridleway at Milton Court. A Conservative Party leaflet currently being circulated in Westcott claims that "dallying has led to this money being withdrawn." Can the Chairman of the Local Committee please explain how the whole of this budget can be withdrawn when a significant part of it has been spent on the purpose it has been set aside for

and if no substantive answer can be given to this will the Chairman write to the District Councillor for Westcott asking him to apologise to the residents of Westcott for circulating misleading information?

Response from SCC Highways

The section of route with existing cycle rights running along Milton Court Lane and Public Bridleways 110 and 112 has been upgraded, with improvements completed during 2009/10. The work included surfacing, drainage improvements and safety road markings at Milton Court (Unum). The funding for these works came from the Local Transportation Plan - Cycling Strategy. The cost was £26,000. Spending has also been carried out in recent years on several of the bridges over the Pippbrook. Although not included in the original scheme, this spending could be used as match-funding towards an amended Sustrans grant bid.