



**OFFICER RESPONSE TO PETITION
LOCAL COMMITTEE
(MOLE VALLEY)**

**WESTCOTT TO DORKING CYCLEWAY
PETITION**

03 MARCH 2011

A petition of signatures was received from Liz Dobson on behalf of local Westcott and Dorking residents at the meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee 7th December 2011.

We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to prioritise the quick completion of the unfinished safe cycle route between Westcott and Dorking in order to provide a direct, easy and practical route for those who need or want to travel without a car and who currently have to brave the hazardous section of the A25 to the east of Westcott, which is particularly dangerous for our vulnerable schoolchildren and nearly impossible for mobility scooters and parents with buggies.

The Operations, Highways and Countryside Senior Officer responds:

The Local Committee had requested that Officers investigate an alternative route to the one shown in the proposal. Meetings were held with the representative of the landowner and also residents who had expressed particular concerns to the local member. The findings were taken back to the December 2010 Committee, at which the proposal to adopt the 'hedgerow' route was carried.

Work is being progressed to alleviate the local drainage issues of the Pippbrook and we aim to complete the works by the end of March 2011, subject to weather conditions. A bid for grant funding from Sustrans will be made at the beginning of the new financial year. Officers are also be assessing the availability of Section 106 money for the project. The route can be constructed once funding has been identified and the route diverted onto the correct line.