



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

MEMBER WRITTEN QUESTIONS

14 SEPTEMBER 2011

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

1. Question from County Councillor Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills)

Can a review of the speed limit be carried out on the County Council part of the Zig Zag Road towards Box Hill from the junction with London Road in Mickleham?

Response from SCC Highways

Officers will be asking Committee Members for their LTP schemes list for the financial year 2012/13 later this year. Officers will then submit a report to Local Committee for members to agree the forward programme.

The Area Manager has asked that Zig Zag Road towards Box Hill from the junction with London Road in Mickleham, be added to the ongoing speed management list and should funds become available, subject to the approval of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, assessment work could be started this financial year.

2. Questions from District Councillor Raj Haque (Fetcham West)

- a) Is it possible to raise some part of the road surface in River lane entering from Cobham Road in order to minimise the noise level and prevent any possible long time damage to the road by giant size H G V.

- b) Is it possible to improve the response level better by the County Council official to the satisfactory conclusion when reported by an elected official regarding any matter concerning the resident in his or her constituent.

Response from SCC Highways

- a) As discussed at a recent Forum to place road tables, cushion or indeed priority give ways on this stretch of carriageway, all come with their own design requirements and could raise issues with noise pollution and exhaust fumes in this area.

At this time officers have gone through a design process to modify the access junction to River Lane and the removal of the pedestrian island. These drawings were approved by the Divisional Member after consultation with the local residents group and the works will be programmed once the stage 2 safety audit has been responded to and any subsequent issues resolved. Once the bill of quantities is agreed, we will seek the Chairman's/Vice Chairman's and Divisional Members final approval to proceed.

Should the Formal Local Committee wish for more detailed design studies to be carried out on River Lane, this can be added to the ongoing list of Safety Schemes which will be reviewed later this year with the members, ready to formulate the Local Transport Plan schemes list for 2012/13.

- b) I would like to state that officers in the South East Area Team endeavour to answer every enquiry to County Councillor, District Councillors and the General Public as quickly and honestly as possible. To facilitate this my colleagues and I attend a number of Area Forum meetings with the Divisional Members, which are also attended by Local Resident Association or Parish Councils.

Officers also attend a number of evening meetings to ensure that we are able to understand and hear the local issues and wherever possible assist in resolving local highways issues.

On some occasions when staff are on annual leave or sick, it may take additional time to respond to a request, or indeed when information needs to be supplied by a third party on behalf of the local team. Also on some occasion the response given will not necessarily be the one that Member are looking for or expecting, however when this happens, the

information will be fully explained, as to why in the officers opinion the answer is no and adequate reasons why.

As the Area Team Manager I would like to say that the 4 dedicated Highways staff to the Mole Valley Area do an excellent job and will endeavour to do so in the future.