



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**SANDLANDS ROAD, WALTON ON THE HILL
PETITION REPORT**

21 JUNE 2010

KEY ISSUE

To consider a petition signed by residents of Sandlands Road, Walton on the Hill, organised by Mrs Porter.

SUMMARY

A petition has been received, signed by 61 residents of Sandlands Road, Walton on the Hill, with the following heading:

"We, the undersigned, call on Surrey County Council to urgently resurface the existing tarmac road of Sandlands Road, Walton on the Hill, Surrey.

Sandlands Road is currently in a very poor state of repair due to decades of neglect and poor maintenance by Surrey County Council. As a result the road is dangerous to use, with cars, cyclists, and horses having to swerve and avoid the multitude of poorly repaired potholes in the road.

Repeated requests to local councillors to resurface the road, have been met with the inadequate responses that the road is not an A road, and therefore not important enough for resurfacing.

We strongly reject this excuse. To our knowledge the road has not been resurfaced in more than 30 years, and we feel as council tax paying residents living in one of the most populated streets in Walton on the Hill, our road should be given higher priority and resurfaced as soon as possible to avoid a serious accident occurring."

Response from the Local Highways Manager

Sandlands Road will be submitted for inclusion in the assessment process for a carriageway surfacing scheme. It will then be graded and listed with many other roads in the County that would benefit from a major maintenance scheme. There are 73 roads in Reigate & Banstead already on the County list and only the top priorities can be progressed. The assessment process considers road condition and elements such as shops, public buildings, traffic movement, bus routes and pedestrian numbers. It is noted that Sandlands Road carriageway has had a considerable number of minor repairs but will remain in a poor condition until a surfacing scheme can be carried out. In the meantime, minor repairs will continue to be carried out to keep the road safe.

Sandlands Road is subject to a statutory highway inspection every September. In this inspection any potholes in the road exceeding 40mm deep, and in the footpath exceeding 20mm deep, will be marked up for repair. This process is in accordance with the New Roads and Streetworks Act Code of Practice for Inspections and Surrey County Council meets its requirements, as the Highway Authority, by carrying them out. In addition to these statutory inspections, our Community Highways Officer will respond to specific reports of defects in the public highway and carry out inspections as required.