



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

**ROSE BUSHES, EPSOM DOWNS  
PETITION REPORT**

**21 JUNE 2010**

**KEY ISSUE**

To consider a petition signed by residents of Rose Bushes, Epsom Downs, organised by Mrs Bishop-King.

**SUMMARY**

A petition has been received, signed by 160 residents of Rose Bushes, Epsom Downs, with the following heading:

*“Despite recent extensive repairs the above road has disintegrated again into a series of potholes. These now extend the whole length of the road in fact the road is now in a worse condition than ever before. As traffic passes over the holes, the holes become craters and gravel and grit are thrown spinning across pavements and residents driveways. It is only a matter of time before parked cars (on drives) are damaged or worse someone is injured by flying stones. Vehicles swerve and drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid the holes and the noise of vehicles passing over the holes at night is becoming unbearable.*

*Rose Bushes is a bus route and a cut through and was never built for heavy traffic. The condition of the road has been an ongoing problem for many years, and residents are now tired of continually reporting to your department about its appalling state. We understand that resurfacing will be undertaken at the end of spring or early summer but because of the speed of deterioration we would urge Surrey County Council to rethink the timescale and bring the resurfacing forward.*

*The signatures below indicate the depth of concern.”*

## Response from the Local Highways Manager

Rose Bushes scored highly enough last year on the County Council's programme for carriageway treatment to be on this year's programme of schemes, and it has now benefited from a new surface course. The carriageway condition gave cause for considerable concern since last winter's weather increased the rate of deterioration. The County Council revised the planned works to ensure that the new surface is safe for road users and will give extended life to the carriageway.

Rose Bushes was prepared on the 8th February for a surface treatment. Significant defects in the carriageway were patched so that a Micro-Asphalt surface treatment could be applied in the new financial year. Unfortunately, after the patching was completed, numerous new potholes appeared throughout the road. It was felt that further patching and then the Micro-Asphalt would no longer be the best treatment for the road.

It was decided that the road would be planned out and a new surface course laid. This consisted of removal of about 40mm of the worn out surface and replacement with a bituminous material to the County's specification. The works were arranged as soon as practicable because of the deteriorated state of the road. The surfacing works began on the 10<sup>th</sup> May and were completed on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, including replacement of white road markings.