



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

ALBERT ROAD, HORLEY PETITION REPORT

21 JUNE 2010

KEY ISSUE

To consider a petition signed by residents of Albert Road, Horley, organised by Mr Greaves.

SUMMARY

A petition has been received, signed by 133 residents of Albert Road, Horley, with the following heading:

"This is a petition from the residents of Albert Road, Horley, to Reigate, Banstead and Horley Council (sic). We the residents and council tax payers would like our road and paths repaired, as they are clearly not safe due to extreme pot-holes and damage, causing major problems to our residents of all ages."

Response from the Local Highways Manager

Albert Road is subject to statutory highway inspections every July. In this inspection any potholes in the road exceeding 40mm deep, and in the footpath exceeding 20mm deep, will be marked up for repair. Defects not meeting this criteria will be noted but not repaired at this time due to financial restrictions. In addition to these statutory inspections our Community Highways Officer will respond to specific reports of defects in the public highway and carry out intermediate inspections as required. 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 order to ensure that any extreme potholes in Albert Road could be dealt with quickly, the statutory road inspection was brought forward to May 2010. The results

confirmed that there were many defects to be repaired. Works were carried out in the footways and carriageway of the road on 21st and 24th May and a total of 111 potholes were repaired.

With regard to complete resurfacing of a carriageway, SCC operates a Rolling Programme for capital schemes. This Rolling Programme comprises roads within all eleven Districts across the County and they are assessed them to determine which roads are priorities for treatment. The chosen roads are then funded for surfacing whilst the rest remain on the Rolling Programme for reassessment the following financial year.

The Borough of Reigate and Banstead currently has 73 roads already waiting on this Rolling Programme and the majority are in worse condition than Albert Road. Albert Road will remain on the Rolling Programme but it is not likely that it will be selected in the immediate future. We also run a similar Rolling Programme for footpath resurfacing, so Albert Road will be added but the same reservations apply.