



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOOTPATH BETWEEN 169 AND 263 BALCOMBE ROAD, HORLEY PETITION REPORT

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KEY ISSUE

To consider a petition requesting improvements to the footpath on a section of Balcombe Road in Horley.

SUMMARY

A petition has been received, signed by 47 residents, requesting footpath improvements between 169 and 263 Balcombe Road, Horley.

Response from the Area Highways Manager:

The section of footway in Balcombe Road which the petitioners wish to see improved is on the eastern side of the carriageway between Haroldslea Drive and the Coppingham Arms.

An initial survey of the footway has identified three main issues:

- The grass verge has grown over the footway
- The condition of the footway is poor in places
- There are a number side roads where there are no dropped kerbs/tactile paving to assist the mobility impaired pedestrians or people with pushchairs

This section of Balcombe Road is not currently on the footway schemes programme. It has been added to the list of footway schemes held by the Area Team Office for submission to the Asset Planning Group for assessment and prioritisation against bids Countywide for future funding.

The Local Committee has allocated a small amount of funding for Accessibility Improvements in Reigate and Banstead in 2011/12, which it is intended to use for providing new dropped kerbs/tactile paving. It is proposed that this section of Balcombe Road will be assessed and prioritised along with other requests received for accessibility improvements in Reigate and Banstead.

