



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

**VERNON WALK, TADWORTH
PETITION REPORT**

5 DECEMBER 2011

KEY ISSUE

To consider a petition requesting improvements to the condition of the road surface, kerb height, dead trees and stumps and pavements in Vernon Walk, Tadworth.

SUMMARY

A petition has been received, signed by 115 residents, with the following request:

“We, the undersigned, want Surrey County Council to:

1. Plane off the existing road surface to its concrete sub-base, and relay a safe and fit for purposes road surface in Vernon Walk, leaving kerb stones set at a level that clearly defines grass verge from road.
2. Remove dangerous/dead trees from the grass verges, and prune those trees that remain.
3. Remove existing tree stumps from previously felled trees.
4. Plant new trees as replacements for those that have been removed.
5. Repair the pavement as necessary to provide a safe for use pedestrian footway.”

Response from the Area Highways Manager:

Condition of Road Surface

Vernon Walk is currently on the Surrey County Council Rolling Programme for complete resurfacing. We are not able to provide dates for this work as each year's programme is assessed from all roads currently waiting on the Rolling Programme, and those deemed worst are given priority. We have just completed some large scale patching works in Vernon Walk which should help in the meantime. We would not agree that the carriageways surface can be called dangerous as we have a system of inspections to attend to defects as they arise, and residents can report potholes either by calling our Contact Centre on 03456 009 009 or using the Surrey County Council website 'Report It'.

Kerb Height

The concerns regarding the average low kerb height along Vernon Walk are noted but we do not hold sufficient funds, at this time, to consider projects of that nature. The Area Maintenance Engineer will keep this request on our records, for future consideration, should our budgets and priorities permit such works.

Dead Trees and Tree Stumps

The Community Highways Officer has inspected all the trees along Vernon Walk and none are to be considered unsafe. We have raised works orders for two dead trees to be felled. Removing tree stumps is considered a low priority operation, and we will ensure the ones Vernon Walk are scheduled for removal, but no dates can be supplied at this time.

Pavements

The footpaths along Vernon Walk are of average condition but the Area Maintenance Engineer will ensure they are submitted to our Asset Planning Group for inclusion on our Rolling Programme for footpath resurfacing. They will then be assessed annually until such time as they are selected for resurfacing. In the meantime, residents should report any footpath trips to our Contact Centre and minor repairs will be carried out as needed.