



**SURREY**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

# **WILLOW WAY, FARNHAM: RESPONSE TO PETITION**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL  
LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)  
26 JANUARY 2007**

## **KEY ISSUE:**

To respond to the petition received and referred to at Item 4 on the agenda of this meeting.

## **SUMMARY:**

A petition has been received by residents of Willow Way, Farnham expressing their concern at some aspects of the condition of the highway in this location.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Local Committee (Waverley) should note the contents of the report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** None

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## **Background**

1. The County Council, as Highway Authority, currently employs its Constructor Partner (Ringway Integrated Services) to undertake safety inspections of all highway assets on the adopted road network, including carriageways, footways and verges. These inspections are undertaken on a regular basis depending on the type and location of the road in question. The County Council has approved intervention levels for various defects and all safety-related works are resourced and dealt with in prescribed timescales. Other works of a more routine nature are referred back to the local office for prioritisation, programming and funding on a needs basis.
2. The regular inspection programme and completion of safety-related defects is a priority in order to provide the County Council with a robust defence in law against potential claims. Willow Way is on the inspection programme and is dealt with in this way.

## **Willow Way**

3. The footways in Willow Way were slurry sealed some years ago as part of a programme associated with the installation of cable TV in the Farnham area. Subsequent works to install statutory undertakers' equipment are supervised centrally by our Streetworks Team and the permanent reinstatement of works is a matter that they have been actively involved with in the area in recent months. The local Streetworks Inspector has been made aware of this response to ensure that all appropriate works have either been completed or are in hand to be completed within the required timescales for such works.
4. The verge damage identified by the petitioners appears limited in extent and is generally caused by either residents or their visitors. In these circumstances residents must take responsibility to ensure that this type of activity is not repeated and that damage to County Council property does not result in the creation of costly safety-related defects locally. Where damage has occurred the Constructor's Community Gang can be utilised to make minor repairs when next in the ward.
5. The photograph of the paved area outside the shops provided by the petitioners illustrates that safety-related defects have been dealt with effectively.
6. The County Council is not resourced to undertake a tree replacement programme but, where residents are prepared to fund this, a planting licence can be issued by the local Senior Maintenance Engineer or Highway Steward if there are no safety issues and if underground equipment/highway assets will not be adversely affected.

## **Conclusion**

7. The Committee is therefore advised that no additional action is considered necessary in this area.