



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

RESPONSE TO PETITION: CRANLEIGH ROAD, EWHURST

18 JUNE 2010

KEY ISSUE

To respond to a petition presented at the meeting of the Committee held on 12 March 2010.

RESPONSE

1. At its meeting on 12 March 2010 the Local Committee received a petition, presented by Ms D James on behalf of residents of Ewhurst, requesting with respect to the B2127 Cranleigh Road, Ewhurst: the provision of anti-skid surface treatment; a maintenance programme to keep gullies clear of debris, prevent blockages and stop water run-off; remedial work to the adverse camber; speed indicator equipment to warn drivers of excessive and unsafe speed.
2. The question of anti-skid surface treatment in Ewhurst was raised at the Local Committee meeting of 4 December 2009, and the following answer was given: "officers have said in the past that there could be an opportunity to install red banding treatment on the road when The Street in Ewhurst was resurfaced. However, no re-surfacing is included in the recently published countywide programme for 2010/11, so there is no immediate prospect of such work." Since December, and following the damage to the road network caused by severe winter weather, the surfacing programme has been re-visited, and The Street was prioritised for surfacing in 2010/11. However, Southern Gas Network is now laying new gas mains in the village including along the entire length of the Street, and so surfacing has again been deferred.
3. There are some 25,000 known road gullies in Waverley, and each is cleared by suction at least once each year under the planned cyclic maintenance programme. Information on when the gullies in a particular road are cleared is available on the Surrey County Council

website (www.surreycc.gov.uk then search for “gully”), and most roads in Ewhurst are visited for gully clearance in August and September. Where gullies are blocked, they should be reported via the website or contact centre (03456 009 009). Waverley Borough Council is responsible for cleansing, or sweeping, roads to keep them clear of debris and will be able to provide information for Ewhurst. In many areas, particularly the Surrey Hills, surface water has always run off adjacent land onto the public highway, and some of our sunken lanes form natural and historic watercourses at times of heavy rain. It is usually not practicable to prevent such topographic run off, which brings sand and silt onto the road that can block highway drainage systems. Rather such blockages should be reported to the County Council as they occur. When highway drainage systems become blocked, priority is given when there is a threat of flooding to adjacent dwellings and premises, or the depth and extent of flooding on the road compromises safety for users.

4. Adverse camber can be a hazard, particularly on high speed roads, and the petitioners are asked which specific locations they are concerned about.
5. Vehicle Activated Signs can be introduced at locations where they are likely to have an effect on regulating excessive speeds, and one has recently been introduced on the B2128 Wonersh Common Road as part of a village traffic calming scheme (a similar scheme was also completed in Hascombe in 2009/10). Officers are willing to discuss the potential for similar measures in Ewhurst, but progressing such schemes, however small, is dependent on available budgets and prioritisation by the Local Committee.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to note the proposed response.

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