

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****MEMBER'S QUESTION AND
RESPONSE****21 SEPTEMBER 2012****From Mr David Munro**

Recently there have been two serious accidents involving vehicles travelling north down the A325 Wrecclesham Hill. In each case vehicles have lost control and collided with railings separating the carriageway from the west-side footway with such force that the railings have had to be removed and temporary barriers installed.

This has of course been reported to Highways and they are taking action. However, because of the seriousness of the issue, could I have the Area Highways Manager's assurance that the barriers will be fully repaired as soon as possible so that some protection is afforded to pedestrians and residents in the vicinity, and that the underlying causes of these accidents are investigated with urgency and appropriate remedial measures undertaken quickly ?

Committee response

Replacement railings have been ordered by the Council's contractor. However, the equipment is not standard stock and requires a special order to be placed with the supplier. The estimated lead time for delivery and installation is ten weeks. In the meantime the local Community Highways Officer will monitor the site to ensure that the temporary barriers remain in place.

Surrey Police supply reported accident data to Surrey Highways and the most recent update is to the end of May 2012. If the accidents that resulted in the damage to the railings have been reported to the Police, they will be analysed when received to see whether there are common factors. Local members will recall that these railings were previously damaged during the severe winter of 2009 when the road was iced for several weeks.