

Supplementary Agenda

Tandridge
Local Committee

**We welcome you to
Tandridge Local Committee**
Your Councillors, Your Community
and the Issues that Matter to You



Discussion

- Petition received from Limpsfield C of E Infant School and attached response
- Four Formal Public Written Questions and attached responses
- One Members Question received and attached response

Venue

Location: South Godstone Sports
and Community
Association, The
Pavilion, Lagham Road,
South Godstone. RH9
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Date: Friday, 7 March 2014

Time: 10.15 am

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Get involved

Ask a question

If there is something you wish know about how your council works or what it is doing in your area, you can ask the local committee a question about it. Most local committees provide an opportunity to raise questions, informally, up to 30 minutes before the meeting officially starts. If an answer cannot be given at the meeting, they will make arrangements for you to receive an answer either before or at the next formal meeting.

Write a question

You can also put your question to the local committee in writing. The committee officer must receive it a minimum of 4 working days in advance of the meeting.

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Sign a petition

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Thank you for coming to the Local Committee meeting

Your Partnership officer is here to help. If you would like to talk about something in today's meeting or have a local initiative or concern please contact them through the channels below.

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4 PETITIONS

(Pages 1 - 2)

To receive any petitions in accordance with Standing Order 68. Notice should be given in writing or by email to the Community Partnership and Committee Officer at least 14 days before the meeting. Alternatively, the petition can be submitted on-line through Surrey County Council's e-petitions website as long as the minimum number of signatures (30) has been reached 14 days before the meeting.

One received from Limpsfield C of E Infant School requesting for the speed limit outside the school to be lowered to 20mph or 30mph.

Response attached.

5 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(Pages 3 - 10)

To answer any questions from residents or businesses within the Tandridge District area in accordance with Standing Order 69. Notice should be given in writing or by email to the Community Partnership and Committee Officer by 12 noon four working days before the meeting.

Four questions received. **Responses attached.**

6 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

(Pages 11 - 12)

To receive any written questions from Members under Standing Order 47. Notice should be given in writing to the Community Partnership and Committee Officer of formal questions by 12.00 noon four working days before the meeting.

One question received. **Response attached.**

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 07 MARCH 2014

**SUBJECT: PETITION – REDUCE SPEED LIMIT TO 20MPH OR 30MPH
OUTSIDE LIMPSFIELD C OF E SCHOOL – WESTERHAM
ROAD, OXTED**

DIVISION: OXTED



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

To consider a petition containing approximately 175 signatures (from teachers and school children) requesting that the speed limit of the section of road outside the Limpsfield C of E School (Westerham Road, Oxted) be reduced to 20mph or 30mph, in order to address concerns from school children, teachers and parents regarding safety.

RESPONSE:

Limpsfield CofE Infants School is located on the A25 Westerham Road, Limpsfield, catering for 180 pupils aged 4 to 7 years. The section of the A25 outside the school is a dual carriageway with a single traffic lane in each direction and subject to a 40mph speed limit. There is an uncontrolled crossing point to the east of the school where pedestrians can cross the A25, with a waiting area in the central reservation protected by guard railing. A school crossing patrol operates at this point at both the start and end of the school day. The pedestrian guard railing at this crossing point was extended recently to help make the crossing point safer.

The school operates a Walking Bus where the children are escorted from Grub Street across the common to the school. An Advisory 20mph speed limit which operates when the flashing school lights are on at the start and end of the school day has been introduced on the A25 outside the school.

Surrey's Community Engagement Team, together with the Police, works closely with the school to provide help with the School Travel Plan and to provide road safety advice. The subject of vehicles speeds was discussed at a recent meeting and it was agreed that this issue needed further investigation.

As part of this scheme, speed surveys were carried out prior to the signs being erected. The survey carried out during school term time between 08.35 and 09.35 recorded the mean speed, the measure used to determine speed limits, as 31mph in both directions. A survey carried out in the school holidays at the same time of day recorded mean speeds of 33mph eastbound and 37mph westbound. This suggests that drivers do slow down when children are walking to school. The after survey to measure the effectiveness of the Advisory 20mph signs is programmed to be carried out in the Spring 2014.

A policy "Road Safety Outside Schools" is being developed that sets out the process that will be used by Surrey County Council for investigating and responding to

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concerns about road safety outside schools, including concerns about traffic speeds. The draft policy is the subject of a report to this meeting of the Tandridge Local Committee. It is suggested that this policy forms the basis of how the request for a reduced speed limit outside Limpsfield Infants School is taken forward. This will involve working with the school and carrying out a site visit attended by Surrey Officers and the Police. As set out above, it is already intended to carry out a further speed survey at this location.

Changes in speed limits need to comply with Surrey's speed limit policy. This is currently being updated to take into account new government guidance. As reported elsewhere on this agenda, the new policy highlights that changing speed limits with signs alone will not necessarily be successful in significantly reducing the speed of traffic if the prevailing mean speeds are much higher than the proposed lower speed limit. Any change in speed limit will require the support of the Police as they are responsible for enforcement.

The divisional member for Oxted has asked Officers to carry out a speed limit assessment of the A25 between the County boundary and Godstone. It is intended that this piece of work will be carried out during 2014/15. The speed surveys carried out at Limpsfield Infants School will form part of this wider speed limit review.

Contact Officer:

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

DATE: 07 MARCH 2014
SUBJECT: FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS
DIVISION: CATERHAM HILL

**1. Flooding on Park Road, Caterham**

"As residents of Park Road, Caterham, who were affected by flooding in December 2013. This is not the first time flooding has occurred, and we believe it will happen again unless remedial action is taken.

There appears to be two main causes of the flooding:

- Inadequate drainage in Queen's Park Recreation Ground.
- Blocked or inadequate storm drains in Queen's Park Road, Court Road, and Park Road.

We request that an action plan is put in place to ensure that the park has sufficient drainage to cope with the high levels of rainfall, and should any water flood from the park that the storm drains in the respective roads are regularly serviced and cleared to cope with the demand of water."

Response:

The County has a duty to provide highway drainage only to drain highway surface water runoff, not additional runoff from adjacent land. The drainage of the Queen's Park Recreation Ground is the responsibility of the land owner, Tandridge District Council. Surrey County Council has no responsibility to improve or maintain drainage on that land.

Historically, a number of soakaways were installed in Queens Park which acted to stop flooding from the Caterham School playing fields which at the time was draining across the recreation ground towards Queen's Park Road, Court Road, Park Road and Hillcroft Primary School. The provision of these soakaways has been successful in minimising the risk of flooding as indicated by the fact that prior to the extreme rainfall experienced over Christmas, the last reported incident of property flooding was in 1997.

Court Road and Park Road gullies are included on the County's annual cyclic gully cleaning programme. Queens Park Road is private road and does not form part of the public highway. Therefore gullies in this road are not maintained by the County Council. In addition to the cyclic programme, each Borough and District has the use of a gully machine for a week once every 11 weeks to carry out 'ad hoc' cleaning, jetting and investigations at sites where a particular problem has been identified. The Local Committee has used some of its revenue maintenance budget to hire additional resource for short periods to carry out further gully cleaning at known problem sites.

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Parking in Park Road has prevented any ad hoc gully clearance to be carried out and regretfully when faced with a workload in excess of the availability of the gully cleaning unit, it is not always possible to co-ordinate with clearing the road of parked vehicles.

Queen's Park Road is on the County's Wetspot database. Wetspot is a term used by Surrey in its role as the lead local flood authority to describe the location of a flood incident that has been reported. The assessment of wetspots is used to both understand where the most significant flooding locations in the county are and to prioritise drainage improvement across the highway network in Surrey. A number of factors are taken into account when assessing each wetspot site, with internal property flooding, safety, disruption to critical services, social and economic impacts, and duration and frequency of flooding all contributing to a high score.

In response to the exceptionally high levels of rainfall experienced since Christmas 2013, the wetspots database is being updated. The Queen's Park Road wetspot currently has a low score. Officers will provide the Drainage Asset Team with information on the latest flooding in Park Road and ask that the wetspot database is updated to ensure all the issues such as property flooding are represented in the wetspot score.

Contact Officer:

1. Anita Guy, Senior Engineer, Highways, 03456 009 009
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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

DATE: 07 MARCH 2014
SUBJECT: FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS
DIVISION: OXTED

**2. Commuter parking on Hurst Green Road**

'Following the introduction of double yellow lines on Hurst Green Road to avoid commuter parking near to the green, commuter parking has moved further down Hurst Green Road causing road safety concerns for pedestrians and drivers as well as access and exit difficulties for residents.

Does the committee have or know of any plans to address these concerns and, if not, what is the best way for residents and road users to ensure that these concerns are investigated and acted upon?'

Response:

The rail station in Hurst Green is popular with commuters travelling to London, however the station car park is small and commuters have consequently parked on the surrounding residential roads in increasing numbers over the years. Waiting restrictions have been, and are put in place by the Local Committee to manage this situation and the last district wide parking review to be implemented (in August 2013) introduced changes to create more passing places in Hurst Green Road.

As part of the 2014 parking review, the Tandridge Local Committee gave the go ahead for statutory consultation at a number of locations including Hurst Green Road. It is planned to place parking controls between Days Garage and Greenhurst Lane to reduce obstructive parking here, mainly by commuters. There are no plans to introduce further restrictions to the south of the Comforts Avenue at this stage and it is now too late to look at this as part of the 2014 review. We will however monitor the situation and pick up any road safety problems if they arise as part of our on going review process.

In order to raise specific requests for new parking restrictions, in the first instance it is advisable to contact your local county councillor (in this case Mr Nick Skellett) who will liaise with the SCC parking Team in the development of any proposals.

Contact Officer:

1. David Curl, Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager, Environment and Infrastructure
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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

DATE: 07 MARCH 2014
SUBJECT: FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS
DIVISION: WARLINGHAM

**3. Pavements in Meadway, Farleigh Road and Limpsfield Road**

'In the agenda papers for the Local Committee of 1 March 2013, three pavements in Warlingham, namely Meadway, part of Farleigh Road and part of Limpsfield Road, were listed as being priorities for the Local Structural Repair budget for 2013-15, and residents were advised accordingly.

However nothing has yet been done and enquiries about when the work will be done have failed to elicit a date.

Would the Local Committee please confirm that these pavements will be repaired in 2014/15.'

Response:

Annex 2 of the report to the 1 March 2013 Local Committee (Highways Forward Programme 2013/14 – 2014/15) contained a list of possible sites for Local Structural Repair in 2013/14 for both carriageways and footways. It was noted that all the sites identified would be subject to pricing and allocation of funding. In paragraph 2.8 of the report, it was stated that Annex 2 listed roads that would benefit from local structural repair as identified by the Maintenance Engineer. Paragraph 2.8 suggested that the capital maintenance budget for Local Structural Repair schemes be divided equitably between County Members and that the roads to be treated be agreed by the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Members. This formed recommendation (vi), which was approved by the Local Committee of which the questioner was a District Council member at that time. The recommendation did not refer to Annex 2.

The divisional Member subsequently agreed that Long Hill, Woldingham, in the vicinity of the school, was the priority scheme to be taken forward for Local Structural Repair in 2013/14. This scheme was completed in 2013 and no additional Local Committee capital maintenance (LSR) funding was available to carry out any further work in the Warlingham division.

At the December 2013 meeting, the Local Committee agreed that the capital maintenance (LSR) funding for 2014/15 will again be agreed by the Area Team Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Members. The divisional Member will consider requests for road and footway LSR schemes in his area and will prioritise these when reaching a decision as to which scheme to progress in the coming financial year.

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Contact Officer:

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 07 MARCH 2014

SUBJECT: FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS

DIVISION: OXTED



4. Hedge cutting debris – Tanhouse Road

'Should all debris be cleared away at the time of the work being done (hedge cutting by highways or landowners) and how is this checked out, because if it is not cleared away when the work is done perhaps this is something that should be looked into as I have concerns that the debris is blocking the gully drains and causing flooding problems. This was particularly evident on Tanhouse Road.'

Response:

In September 2013, the Area Team arranged for the hedge on the northern side of Tanhouse Road to be flailed as it was encroaching into the road and considered to be a safety hazard. The Local Committee funded revenue maintenance gang then attended site to trim back any broken branches and remove the large pieces of debris from site. At the same time, a digger also edged up the side of the road, removing all vegetation and mud to expose the full width of the tarmac. This work was welcomed by local residents.

Generally when hedges are flailed, either by landowners or the County Council, the debris that is produced is in very small pieces. These chippings are left to rot down on site.

The River Eden runs under Tanhouse Road and the gullies in Tanhouse Road drain into the river. The River Eden has been in flood on a number of occasions in recent months given the exceptional volume of rainfall. The recent flooding of Tanhouse Road was a result of the high river levels causing water to surcharge back through the gullies onto the road.

Contact Officer:

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

DATE: 07 MARCH 2014
SUBJECT: MEMBER QUESTIONS
DIVISION: CATERHAM VALLEY

**1. Flooding in Whyteleafe – Ms Sally Marks (Caterham Valley)**

“Currently (during this Flood Crisis), we have a road closure on the A22 at Whyteleafe which is not being 'policed' adequately such that vehicles are still able to drive through the flood waters - if their vehicle is able to do so. The result of this is that the bow-waves caused by the vehicles is actually causing water to flood homes and businesses. Vehicles are ignoring Road Closed signs and because there are not sufficient road barriers in place the drivers seem to think that passage can be effected.

The Police passed over 'control' of this road closure to SCC on Saturday afternoon (8th February). It was only this morning that SCC Highways took over this control, thus there is a missing 36 hours when no-one was in control.

Many vehicles were simply ignoring the road closed signs. The only measures to prevent vehicles from driving along this part of the A22 was one lorry with one member of SCC staff remonstrating with drivers and occasionally taking photos of the car registration numbers.

Even though the A22 was closed to traffic some days ago, Croydon Council did not erect sufficient signs on the A22 southbound from Purley to indicate that this road was closed, hence 2 miles further south drivers were frustrated in their attempts to continue to move southwards. This made things worse when they either had to turn around and travel all the way back OR to determinedly drive through the floodwaters.

How can we can improve communication between our Services and other partners (such as Surrey Police, Surrey Highways, The District Council, Croydon Council and Croydon's Police) during events such as the Flooding Crisis in Whyteleafe and improve the contingency plans to improve a) Road Signage and b) to prevent vehicles from passing through 'Closed Roads' with a better form of Physical Barriers?”

Response:

The recent flooding and high winds had a significant impact on a number of residents and businesses across the County. The County Council provided a range of services, co-orientated by our Emergency Planning Team to ensure residents were kept safe, had shelter and as far possible general day to day life could continue. The County Council deployed significant resources with many staff and contractors working hard in challenging situations.

There are established processes and procedures for dealing with major incidences. Surrey Gold and Silver command (chaired by Surrey Police) ensure all service providers (including the District Council, Surrey Highways, Environment Agency, Public Health etc) have the opportunity to contribute, helping to ensure efforts are coordinated at both strategic and operational levels. These procedures operated with success across the County. The closure of the A22 was impacted by a number of factors including the need to protect critical national infrastructure (Kenley Water treatment works) within Croydon's Command area and maintain access to Surrey residents and businesses. Despite appropriate road closed signs some drivers chose to ignore these and drive at inappropriate speeds through floodwater, with scant concern for any impact this would have on adjacent properties. Due to this inappropriate behaviour, from the 10 February additional contractor resources were

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diverted from other important tasks to assist in manning the closure. Gold command made the decision access needed to be maintained for residents from the south, hence it was not appropriate to install immovable concrete barriers to physically prevent all traffic. During any event many agencies work together helping residents. The Command structure is very clear and operated with success, but nevertheless there is always scope to improve on how some operational measures transpire. Protection of the Kenley Water treatment works is ongoing with the deliberate diversion of flood waters to the fields adjacent to Woldingham Road. After the event when then situation has returned to normal, there will be appropriate wrap up and learning discussions between the relevant organisations.

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