

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 18 JUNE 2014
LEAD OFFICER: VICTORIA JEFFREY, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITTEE OFFICER
SUBJECT: MEMBERS QUESTIONS
DIVISION: MOLE VALLEY



Question from Hazel Watson, Member for Dorking Hills

1. In the Ashcombe Road in Dorking between Chalkpit Lane and Ranmore Road, opposite Fraser Gardens the road, pavement and private property is regularly flooded and this has severely damaged the road surface. I welcome the fact that the County Council has investigated the flooding and has sought to use a jetter to clear the drains. This has identified that there are major blockages in the drainage system. When will the funding be identified to investigate the flooding further and carry out the necessary work, including repairing the road?
2. When will action be taken to resolve the regular flooding that occurs near the junction of Chalkpit Lane with Ranmore Road outside Triangle Stores?
3. Given the success of the blanket 40 mph speed limit introduced in the 1990's in the rural area south of the A25 and east of the A24, can a similar blanket 40 mph speed limit be investigated and considered south of the A25 and west of the A24 excluding the A29?

Response from SCC Highways Team:

1. Following the initial investigations the Maintenance Engineer can confirm that further works have been instructed to clear the previously identified blockages. The site issues are quite complex and it is hoped that the next phase of work will ascertain if there are any other issues contributing the flooding problem at this location. We are currently awaiting a confirmed programme date however the work should be carried out within the next three months along with other similar sites throughout the district.

The site is included in the County Councils wet spots list (currently being updated). Should the site require a significant drainage scheme in addition to the planned work mentioned above, then this will need to be promoted through the County Councils capital drainage works process.

2. Initial investigations have been carried out by colleagues to check the county councils road gully network and associated connections in this area. This investigation has identified potential issues within the Thames Water surface water pipe. This has been reported to Thames Water for follow up action. As yet

we are not aware of any remedial action. Local colleagues will continue to press Thames Water for an update on progress.

3. Surrey County Council is not currently considering any blanket speed limit reductions. The order to reduce the speed limits on roads in the rural area south of the A25 and east of the A24 was made in 1997 as part of the STAR initiative, a national demonstration project jointly developed by Surrey County Council and the Countryside Commission.

Question from Stephen Cooksey, Member for Dorking South and the Holmwoods

1. In August 2013 I submitted a request that the yorkstone paving stones destroyed by various contractors in Dorking High Street and 'temporarily' replaced by tarmac but never subsequently reinstated, should be replaced in the original material and was given an assurance that this would happen. That assurance was repeated in answer to written questions at the Local Committee in December 2013 and again in March 2014 when I was also promised a report on progress. However no action has yet been taken and no report has been forthcoming. Could I be informed when this work will be undertaken?
2. The Contractors dealing with the flooding issues at the Deepdene Roundabout left the site in February 2014. At the March 2014 meeting I was informed that this was because of an urgent requirement to carry out work in Tandridge but that they would return to deal with the work on the western side of the roundabout where flooding is a serious problem when the emergency work had been completed. I was also assured that I would be informed about when the work, for which funding had been ring fenced, would be undertaken. Since then I have heard nothing. Could I be informed when work to resolve these problems will take place?

Response from SCC Highways Team:

1. The scheme to carry out repairs to the yorkstone paving on the South Side of Dorking High Street between Dene Street and Lyons Court (approximately) was unfortunately delayed due to other priorities in the county as a result of the winter storms and associated flooding and recovery work. The scheme is now being progressed by the local Maintenance Engineer who is able to confirm that the order for the work has been issued and a programmed start date is awaited from our contractor. The Maintenance Engineer will keep the local member informed as soon as the programme date is available. It is anticipated that the work will take place during this summer.
2. Further investigation work has been undertaken by our drainage team on the West Side of the A25 / A24 Roundabout on Reigate Road Dorking and particular issues have now been identified. This part of the scheme is currently undergoing re design to address those issues. Once the solution has been designed the work will be programmed for later this financial year. It is likely that a significant traffic management layout will need to be in place and the options are being considered as a part of the design process at this time.

Question from Simon Ling, Councillor for Ashted

I am receiving many complaints about the way in which the work being done to install a cycle track between Ashted and Leatherhead is being carried out. Would the relevant officer please tell us whether the contract is being regularly monitored by Council staff; whether it is proceeding in accordance with an agreed timetable; whether the standard of workmanship is considered satisfactory, and whether the contract includes a retention or penalty clause so that the Council has some redress if the contract overruns or is not completed to an acceptable standard?

Response from SCC Highways Team:

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