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SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 16 June 2014

AGENDA ITEM 7i

PETITION 1

To receive a petition with 35 signatures from residents of The Fairway, Weybridge requesting the introduction of static non-parking bollards and double yellow lines on the right-hand side grass verge of Brooklands Road, by the southern entrance/exit of The Fairway to preclude cars causing an obstruction to residents exiting from The Fairway. The petition says that frequently cars and vans park on said grass verge and obstruct the vision of exiting cars from The Fairway onto Brooklands Road, Weybridge. Cars travelling on Brooklands Road do so at speeds of 30 – 45 mph and a significant number of residents have experienced near miss collisions when trying to exit. Surrey Police has been informed several times but the responsibility lies with SCC to consider remedial action to make this road safer for the residents.

Rikki Hill, Parking Project Team Leader provides the following response:

We carry out periodic reviews of parking in the borough of Elmbridge, where we consider requests for the introduction of new parking controls and changes to existing ones. The site visits and assessments for the 2014 review took place during March and April and the report on the outcome is included as item 15 of the agenda for today's meeting. This request was looked at as part of the review and a proposal has been put forward in the report to introduce double yellow lines along the whole of the length of the east side of Brooklands Road between the two entrances to The Fairway. We do not consider it necessary to install bollards as well as the yellow lines as the parking restriction applies to the whole of the highway, so covers vehicles parking on the verge as well as the carriageway. Subject to the successful completion of the necessary legal process for introducing yellow lines, they could be installed towards the end of the year.

SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 16 June 2014**AGENDA ITEM 7ii****PETITION 2**

To receive a petition with 20 signatures from residents of Wynton Grove, Walton on Thames requesting that when the parking restriction times are reviewed in April 2014 that consideration is given to increasing the 'residents only' parking times. Since the parking restrictions were implemented in the 1990's to protect residents when parking charges were introduced for parking at the station car park no change has been made to restriction times to reflect the changes in day to day living and activities in the vicinity.

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The CPZ has been in place for many years without change while in that time there have been many changes in the times that people travel to work and in the business infrastructure near Walton station. It is quite likely that if the CPZ were being introduced for the first time now, it would be different in terms of when and how it would operate. Bearing this in mind, as mentioned in paragraph 2.5 of the report the parking task group discussed the requests but thought that it would be preferable to carry out a comprehensive review of the whole CPZ rather than tinker with small parts of it. This review, which we are anticipating starting later this year will consider the times of operation of the CPZ, as there have been suggestions that residents have problems parking when returning home in the afternoon, and the type of restriction, to see whether it would be appropriate to have longer periods when parking should be for residents only.

SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 16 June 2014**AGENDA ITEM 7iii****PETITION 3****To receive a petition with 62 signatures requesting to promote the reconstruction of Palace Road. East Molesey to the 2014/15 program.**

Repairs to Palace Road were originally agreed as part of the Horizon program for 2014/15 but the urgency of these repairs was downgraded in February to the 2015/18 schedule.

This road has not been significantly repaired for at least 25 years. Today much of the wear surface has eroded and in many places significant holes have appeared through the entire surface structure down into the foundation layer causing very dangerous conditions for road users. These potholes are particularly dangerous to cyclists and motor cyclists who have to swerve to avoid them. Palace Road is virtually a single carriageway due to commuter parking along both sides of the entire length. Vehicles are being subjected to serious damage and unnecessary wear due to the appalling condition of Palace Road in East Molesey. This is by far the most seriously damaged road surface in the area.

We petition Surrey County Council and the Elmbridge Highways Committee to fund the reconstruction of this road as a matter of considerable urgency on the grounds of safety and condition.

The Chairman will provide the following response:

The poor condition of Palace Rd has been fully recognised by Surrey Highways and Palace Rd is therefore planned for complete resurfacing this autumn, i.e. between September to December 2014. It had previously been allocated funding as part of Project Horizon in Year 3 (2015/16), however, following review with Councillor Selleck and additional damage caused by the recent severe weather, Surrey Highways agreed to accelerate the programme and bring forward by 12 months to year 2.

The scheme is currently in design and we are working with local partners and stakeholders to agree optimum delivery date, with the specific date for reconstruction expected to be published on SCC website from early August. In the meantime Surrey Highways will continue to keep the road safe by completing temporary repairs on any reported defects where the defect exceeds 40mm depth.

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