

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 10th SEPTEMBER 2014

LEAD OFFICER: JOHN LAWLOR, AREA TEAM MANAGER

SUBJECT: HIGHWAY SCHEMES UPDATE

DIVISION: ALL



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

At the 4nd December 2013 Local Committee, Members agreed a programme of revenue and capital highway works in Mole Valley. Delegated Authority was given to enable the forward programme to be progressed without the need to bring further reports to the Local Committee for decision. This report sets out recent progress. The report also updates Members on other maintenance programmes in Mole Valley and on customer enquiries.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note the contents of the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To update the Local Committee on the progress of the highway works programme in Mole Valley.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In December 2013, Local Committee agreed its forward programme for both Integrated Transport Schemes (ITS) Capital Improvement Schemes and ITS Capital Maintenance Schemes. Local Committee also agreed the allocation of its revenue budget for maintenance works.
- 1.2 To allow flexibility in the delivery of the Local Committee's highways work programme, delegated authority was given so that works could be progressed without the need to bring further reports to the Local Committee for decision.
- 1.3 In addition to the Local Committee's devolved highways budget, developer contributions are used to fund, either wholly or in part, highway improvement schemes to mitigate the impact of developments on the highway network.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 **Capital Highway Schemes:** Progress on the approved Local Committee funded capital programme of highway works in Mole Valley is set out in **Annex 1**. It also provides an update on schemes being progressed using developer contributions.
- 2.2 The weather conditions at the end of 2013 and early part of 2014 resulted in widespread deterioration of the road network. A Flood Recovery Plan has been developed following an announcement from the Leader of the Council of an additional £23m for the repair of flood damaged roads and bridges. Work has started on the programme of roads in Mole Valley to be repaired with funding from this additional money. This has led to a delay in finalising the roads to be included in the Local Committee's Local Structural Repair programme. Annex 1 provides the provisional list of roads to be treated under the LSR programme of works.
- 2.3 **Drainage:** Four Flood Forums have been set up in Mole Valley to date, in Brockham, Bookham, Charlwood, and Leatherhead and Fetcham. The local area team is supporting the work of the Flood Forums on those issues that impact the highway as well as focussing on the many flood related issues that have arisen over the last winter period. The local area team are working with other agencies, landowners and communities involved in flooding issues to ensure there is a joined up approach to resolving problem areas.
- 2.4 Highway flooding has been targeted as a priority and the local area team now manages a centrally funded budget to carry out drainage investigation and repairs locally. This has resulted in an increase in drainage maintenance and small repair schemes, with around 35 small schemes being progressed during the first five months of the financial year. This has been complemented with the hiring of a high volume jetter for a two week programme of investigation work and a further visit is planned later in the year. CCTV has also been used to help identify problems within drainage systems. This work will continue for the remainder of the year.
- 2.5 Countywide drainage works, funded from the central budget, are summarised below.
- Blocked connection programme to resolve blocked road gullies continues and improvements have been made to the ongoing gully cleansing programme to target higher priority road gullies, based on silt levels.
 - Pipe and system cleaning work continues with the quarterly jetting programme, including further investigation work into problem areas.
 - A programme of highway ditching work is under way to ensure these are clear for the forthcoming winter. This is likely to be supplemented with a ditching programme funded from the Local Committee's revenue maintenance budget.
 - Culvert , pipe and head wall repairs are also under way to repair the flood damaged systems from last winter.
 - A programme of soakaway cleansing has been completed during the summer in the north of the district.

- 2.6 The Local Area Team continues to work closely with the Asset Team and the Drainage Projects Team to help develop capital drainage improvement schemes.
- 2.7 **Failing:** the failing programme is being developed and work will start at the end of October.
- 2.8 **Winter Service:** The Winter Service Report will be presented to the Environment and Transport Select Committee and to Cabinet on 10 September and 23 September 2014 respectively. The report will include an update on the funding and management costs for grit bins. Currently, the rate for the supply and servicing of a new grit bin for a 4 year period is £1040. Subject to Cabinet approval, the cost will be reduced to £1009 for this winter, to reflect the current actual costs to the County. In October, Members will receive an information pack on the winter service which will include the agreed changes to the salting network, as discussed in the spring round of local committees, and costs relating to grit bin funding.
- 2.9 **Customer Enquiries:** The second quarter of the year has seen a reduction in the level of enquiries compared to the extremely high volume received during the first quarter, mainly as a result of the improved weather. **Table 1** shows the number of enquiries received during the first six months of 2014.

Period (2014)	Surrey Highways: Total enquiries (no.)	Mole Valley: Total enquiries (no.)	Local Area Office: Total enquiries (no.)
Jan-March	58,224	6,021	2,620
April- June	29,551	3,358	1,163
Total	87,775	9,379	3,783

Table 1: Customer Enquiries

Of the enquiries received by the local area office, 96% have been resolved, a rate slightly above the countywide average of 95%. The County continues to work with its contractors to improve this response rate.

- 2.10 The reduction in customer contact has also been reflected in the volume of complaints received, as shown in **Table 2**.

Period (2014)	Surrey Highways: Complaints (no.)	South East Area: Stage 1 Complaints (no.)
Jan-March	143	47
April- June	65	28
Total	208	75

Table 2: Complaints

The main reason for complaints is the lack of customer contact and the failure to carry out works to either the required standard or timescale.

- 2.11 The Service is reviewing the customer service Key Performance Indicators and is particularly looking at advance notification of works on the highway through our Customer Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 Not applicable.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 Not applicable

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Budgets are closely monitored throughout the financial year and monthly updates are provided to the Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Local Committee have put in place arrangements whereby monies can be vired between different schemes and budget headings.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 It is an objective of Surrey Highways to treat all users of the public highway equally and with understanding. The needs of all road users are considered as part of the design process for highway schemes.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 Funding has been allocated from the revenue maintenance budget to fund the Highways Localism Initiative.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report
Public Health	Set out below

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

A well-managed highway network can contribute to reduction in crime and disorder.

8.2 Sustainability implications

The use of sustainable materials and the recycling of materials is carried out wherever possible and appropriate.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 Progress on the programme of revenue and capital highway works in Mole Valley is set out in section 2 and Annex 1 of this report. Local Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Delivery of the highway works programme will continue and a further update report will be presented to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

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Consulted:

Not applicable

Annexes:

Annex 1: Summary of Progress

Sources/background papers:

- Report to Mole Valley Local Committee, 4th December 2013, Highways Forward Programme 2014/15 – 2015/16
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CAPITAL ITS IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES		
Project: A24 Horsham Road, Holmwood		
Detail: Measures to address right turn/vehicle overhang on A24 central reservation	Division: Dorking Rural	Allocation: £60,000
Progress: Implementation of northbound lane closure, as trialled in October 2012. Closure of gap in central reservation opposite petrol station to improve safety. Works delayed due to other works being carried out in the area. Likely construction date – October 2014.		
Project: Rectory Lane, Bookham		
Detail: Footway extension	Division: Bookham and Fetcham West	Allocation: £1,333
Progress: Two options been developed by Design Team. Ecological assessment carried out Spring 2013. Funding allocated for further design in 2014/15 with implementation 2015/16, subject to resolution of any land issues.		
Project: High Street, Bookham		
Detail: Measures to address speed, congestion and HGVs	Division: Bookham and Fetcham West	Allocation: £30,000
Progress: Proposals developed in consultation with the Bookham Residents' Association and divisional Member, as reported to Local Committee in December 2013. Changes to waiting restrictions carried out as part of 2013/14 parking review will provide the passing places proposed as part of this scheme. Consultation on the impact of these restrictions and the proposed provision of road tables has been carried out, the results of which are the subject of a separate report on this agenda.		
Project: A24 Deepdene Avenue, Dorking (Phase 3)		
Detail: Safety measures	Division: Dorking South & the Holmwoods	Allocation: £5,000
Progress: Design of Phase 3 measures to be carried out later this financial year.		

Project: A24 Horsham Road (Spook Hill to Beare Green), Dorking		
Detail: Shared cycle/pedestrian path	Division: Dorking South & the Holmwoods Dorking Rural	Allocation: £20,000
Progress: Design and implementation of next phase of works to convert the existing footway to a shared cycle/pedestrian path, continuing northwards from the work carried out north of Old Horsham Road in 2013/14. Construction programmed for end September 2014.		
Project: Hollow Lane, Wotton		
Detail: Measures to reduce speeds in vicinity of cottages	Division: Dorking Hills	Allocation: £10,000
Progress: Options to improve pedestrian safety in the section of Hollow Lane by the cottages progressed in 2013/14. Options sent to divisional Member for comment. No local support for the proposals. Suggested SLOW road markings and signs to warn drivers of pedestrians in the road being progressed.		
Project: Approaches to Therfield School		
Detail: Safer Routes to School/Cycle improvements	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Allocation: £5,000
Progress: Two options to improve the cycle link between Therfield School and existing cycle route to the north of the school have been identified. Divisional member agreed to progress shared cycle path on Kingston Road to link with existing cycle facilities.		
Project: Garlands Road, Leatherhead		
Detail: Measures to reduce speeds/improve pedestrian facilities	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Allocation: £10,000
Progress: Proposal to provide a raised table at the junction of Garlands Road and Linden Gardens, including pedestrian crossing points. Road table to be advertised and information letter sent to properties directly affected.		

Project: Dene Street, Dorking		
Detail: One-way working	Division: Dorking South & the Holmwoods	Allocation: £25,000
Progress: Proposed one-way working in Dene Street between Heath Hill and the A25 High Street.		
Project: Ruckmans Hill, Oakwood Hill		
Detail: Width restriction	Division: Dorking Hills	Allocation: £2,000
Progress: Design and implementation of width restriction on Ruckmans Hill, Oakwood Hill to prevent use by unsuitable vehicles. Initial site visit carried out. Traffic Regulation Order to be advertised Autumn 2014, implementation early 2015.		
Project: Stage 3 Road Safety Audits		
Detail: To be carried out as appropriate	Division:	Allocation: £3,000
Progress: Stage 3 Road Safety Audits to be carried out as appropriate.		
Project: Decluttering		
Detail: Great Bookham	Division: Bookham and Fetcham West	Allocation: £5,000
Progress: Decluttering carried out in Great Bookham in 2013/14. Additional work identified by the Bookham Residents Association. Agreed by Local Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be carried out from this financial year's decluttering allocation.		
Project: Small Safety Schemes		
Detail: To fund minor safety schemes, as and when identified	Division: All	Allocation: £4,000
Progress: Schemes to be identified.		

Project: Signs and Road Markings		
Detail: To fund new signs and road markings, as and when identified	Division: All	Allocation: £4.000
Progress: Direction signs to Ewhurst Brickworks to be carried out in advance of the brickworks resuming production.		

CAPITAL ITS MAINTENANCE SCHEMES (LSR/FOOTWAYS)

This sections provides a provisional list of LSR schemes developed in consultation with divisional Members. The number of schemes that can be progressed this financial year from the provisional list below is dependent on costs and available funding. Funding to be divided equitably between divisional Members.

Project	Division	Treatment	Update
Oaken Coppice, Ashtead - entire length	Ashtead	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Nutwood Avenue, Betchworth - from Nutwood Close to end	Dorking Rural	Channel plane and base repair. 40mm DBM resurfacing	Walk through completed Awaiting estimate
Fernlea, Bookham - entire length	Bookham and Fetcham West	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Bennetts Wood, Capel - entire length	Dorking Rural	Channel plane and base repair. 40mm DBM resurfacing	Walk through completed Awaiting estimate

Project	Division	Treatment	Update
Victoria Terrace/Butterhill, Dorking - entire length	Dorking South and the Holmwoods	Inlay	Deferred
Mowbray Gardens, Dorking - entire length	Dorking Hills	Channel plane and base repair. 40mm DBM resurfacing	Walk through completed Awaiting estimate
Ridgeway Close, Dorking - entire length	Dorking South and the Holmwoods	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Brympton Close, Dorking - entire length	Dorking South and the Holmwoods	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Firs Close, Dorking - entire length	Dorking South and the Holmwoods	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Denfield, Dorking - entire length	Dorking South and the Holmwood	Channel plane and base repair. 40mm DBM resurfacing	Walk through completed Awaiting estimate
Pippebrook Gardens, Dorking - entire length	Dorking Hills	Overlay	Walk through completed Awaiting estimate
Kennel Close, Fetcham - entire length	Bookham and Fetcham West	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Malcolm Gardens, Hookwood - entire length	Dorking Rural	Channel plane and base repair. 40mm DBM resurfacing	Walk through completed Awaiting estimate
Clements Mead, Leatherhead - entire length	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015

Project	Division	Treatment	Update
The Fairway, Leatherhead - first section	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Aperdele Road, Leatherhead - entire length	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Clare Crescent, Leatherhead - entire length	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Merton Way, Leatherhead - entire length	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Clare Wood, Leatherhead - entire length	Leatherhead and Fetcham East	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Broomfield Park, Westcott - entire length	Dorking Hills	Channel plane and base repair. 40mm DBM resurfacing	Walk through completed Awaiting estimate
Durleston Park Drive, Bookham - entire length	Bookham and Fetcham West	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015
Taleworth Drive, Ashtead - entire length	Ashtead	Micro asphalt	Awaiting estimate Likely programme date: March 2015

DEVELOPER FUNDED SCHEMES		
Project: Woodfield Lane, Ashtead		
Detail: Parking lay-by/localised road widening	Division: Ashtead	
Progress: Investigation into land ownership of a 1.5m wide strip of land to the back of the existing footway has proved inconclusive. An application is to be submitted to the Secretary of State for consent to construct a new footway on common land.		
Project: Leatherhead Town Centre		
Detail: Town centre improvements	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East	
Progress: Town Centre Forum agreed to not proceed with proposals for the High Street at the present time. Discussions held with Mole Valley Conservation Officer and Leatherhead Town Centre Manager to agree approach to improving the section of Church Street from the vehicle barrier to Barclays Bank. Scheme will aim to provide environmental improvements and to enable the space to be used flexibly. Design options being developed for consultation in Autumn 2014 and a report likely to be presented to the December Local Committee meeting.		
Project: West Street, Dorking		
Detail: Footway improvements	Division: Dorking South & the Holmwoods	
Progress: Proposal for new footway surfacing, localised footway widening, upgrading street furniture and provision of dropped kerbs/tactile paving. Consultation with local businesses and residents in West Street indicated overwhelming support for the proposal and, under delegated authority, the scheme was approved by the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Members for implementation. Concerns and suggested alterations raised during consultation have been incorporated into the revised design. Implementation programmed for early September. Works will be carried out in consultation with the businesses and residents in West Street to minimise disruption.		

Project: A246 Guildford Road, Bookham		
Detail: Provision of street lighting	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East Bookham and Fetcham West	
Progress: Design completed by Skanska for installation of 16 new lamp columns on the A246 Guildford Road between Norbury Way and the roundabout with Young Street. Funding has been identified and agreed and the works ordered, for implementation in 2014/15.		
Project: Dene Street, Dorking		
Detail: One-way working	Division: Dorking South & the Holmwoods	
Progress: See capital ITS improvement schemes.		
Project: Pebble Hill Road, Betchworth		
Detail: Safety scheme	Division: Dorking Rural	
Progress: Improvements to signs and road markings completed. Road markings to be carried out in conjunction with Operation Horizon works in Pebble Hill Road. Scheme delayed due to utility works.		
Project: Waterway Road, Leatherhead		
Detail: Pedestrian safety scheme	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East	
Progress: Feasibility design for provision of pedestrian facility near junction with Mill Lane.		
Project: A245 Randall Road/Cleeve Road, Leatherhead		
Detail: Pedestrian and cycle measures	Division: Leatherhead and Fetcham East	
Progress: Provision of a pedestrian phase at the existing traffic signals. Cycle facilities to improve link between Leatherhead and River Lane. Site meeting held with Mole Valley Cycle Forum and divisional Member to discuss options. Initial design agreed by divisional Member for further development and submission for Stage 1 (Feasibility) Road Safety Audit .		

Project: Ruckmans Lane area, Ockley		
Detail: HGV access issues	Division: Dorking Rural	
Progress: See capital ITS improvement schemes.		
Project: Kiln Lane, Brockham		
Detail: Pedestrian safety scheme	Division: Dorking Rural	
Progress: Feasibility design of footpath and lighting improvements. Divisional Member to be consulted on requirements for this location.		
Project: Woodfield Lane, Ashtead		
Detail: Footway improvements	Division: Ashtead	
Progress: Feasibility design of measures to improve the alignment of the existing narrow footway.		
Project: Ottways Lane, Ashtead		
Detail: Footway improvements	Division: Ashtead	
Progress: Kerb build outs to assist in reducing speeds and to provide pedestrian crossing points. Work commenced 18 August 2014.		

ROAD SAFETY TEAM SCHEMES

Project: A217 Reigate Road, Hookwood

Detail: Kerb build out and speed limit reduction

Division: Dorking Rural

Progress:

Kerb build-out at junction of A217 Reigate Road and Mill Lane completed.

Speed limit reductions: A217 Reigate Road between north of Mill Lane and Hookwood roundabout; A217 between Hookwood roundabout and existing 30mph limit northwest of the A23 Longbridge roundabout; C62 Reigate Road between Hookwood roundabout and Povey Cross Road; and C64 Povey Cross Road. Speed limit order to be advertised week commencing 1 September 2014.

Project: A25 Coast Hill, Wotton b/w Sheepphouse Lane and Coast Hill Lane.

Detail: Hazard marker posts and warning signs

Division: Dorking Hills

Progress:

Provide hazard marker posts and replacement warning signs on A25 Coast Hill between Sheepphouse Lane and Coast Hill Lane. Completed.

PARKING

Progress:

The 2013-14 parking review lining and signing work has been completed and the Traffic Regulation Orders were made on 24 July 2014.

The 2014/15 Mole Valley parking review site visits will be carried out in September/October and a report presented to Local Committee in December 2014.

Note: Information correct at time of writing (28/08/14)

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