

Local Committee (Guildford) 24 September 2014

Public Questions

2. Question submitted by Stephen Burder, Brian Miller and Andrew Matsis on behalf of the residents of Daryngton Drive.

Through attendance at the last Local Committee meeting on 25 June we became aware of the list of Footway repair works currently scheduled within the Highways Update, Item 15 of the agenda and page 115 of the agenda papers. These were all programmed for work between July and November this year. We have carried out our own inspection of all the listed footways. While in common with nearly all the local footways within the Guildford area there is some need for repair, our conclusion is that all the listed items are in considerably better condition than Daryngton Drive. Example photographs of some of the sites visited by us can be provided.

Given the result of our research, our questions are:

1. What is the criteria for including a footpath in the capital works programme and when was Daryngton Drive last considered for inclusion?
2. Why are the footways included in the July/November program considered a higher priority than Daryngton Drive?
3. Is Daryngton Drive included on any list of future work and if so where does it stand in priority and expected timing?

Officer response

The schemes on the 2014 footway programme originate from SCC maintenance engineer (one for each district and borough, so 11) nominations. Daryngton Drive was not nominated as a potential scheme by the maintenance engineer for Guildford and therefore was not assessed under prioritisation criteria.

The 2015 programme will use footway condition survey data to select and nominate potential schemes. This will be the first time such data is available and will provide 100% network coverage. Potential schemes will be prioritised using criteria that includes assessment of defects; engineering solutions; risk and social community impact. The prioritised list will be published in the new year following confirmation of budgets.

Note that the county wide 2014 programme of footway schemes is a mixture of preventative maintenance and needs based structural improvement. This reflects good practice in an asset management strategy and as a result the preventative maintenance schemes selected will have less structural defects.

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