

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)



DATE: 3rd December 2014

LEAD OFFICER: Cheryl Poole
Community Partnership & Committee Officer

SUBJECT: Member questions

DIVISION: Mole Valley

Questions from Mr Tim Hall:

1. Could the Highways Department please give a time scale for the provision of new gully drains, the removal of roots and blockages in Cannon Way, Fetcham especially around 6 and 18 Cannon Way, as this has added to the flooding in this road for a number of years?

Response from SCC Highways:

Cannon Way, Fetcham

The Cannon Way drainage investigation and repairs (at numbers 6 and 18 Cannon Way) are programmed for Wednesday 10th December. It is likely the work will take approximately five days to complete.

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2. When will the Highways Department be putting in a new gully drain near the Plough Pub on the Kingston Road. This was promised several years ago and there is no sign of any work progressing on this vital school route.

Response from SCC Highways:

Kingston Road, Leatherhead

Work is progressing on the feasibility and design solution for the additional drainage required at Kingston Road near the Plough Pub. The Maintenance Engineer will keep the local divisional Member informed of progress and likely timescale for the works.

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3. Could I ask what communication there should be from Operation Horizon to the Local Members and Community on Operation Horizon Implementation at crucial areas like the Cobham Road, Fetcham. Particularly if the project over runs and the road is closed again without warning.

Response from SCC Highways:

Operation Horizon

All communications for Operation Horizon works should be carried out in accordance with the agreed Customer Stakeholder Engagement Plan. The plan includes a matrix showing lead in times for residents' letters to be sent out, advance signs erected on site etc, with timescales set according to the road usage and site/location considerations.

Councillors should receive all information that will be available to the public. In addition, Members' bulletins are published twice monthly, providing a summary of works that impact on each District or Borough.

With regards to communications when a scheme overruns, the advance signs should be changed to show the revised dates and, if the overrun is more than a few days, residents should receive a further letter advising them of the revised timescales. This is particularly relevant when the works involve a road closure.

If there are specific issues with the communication process for the resurfacing works in Cobham Road, then the Operation Horizon team would be pleased to discuss this separately with Councillor Hall.

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Question from Cllr Haque:

1. Residents of Oswald Road, Oswald Close, and Cock Lane, Fetcham are having to cope with intolerable and sometimes unsafe roads conditions which were due to be resurfaced a few years ago. Unfortunately the project Horizon did not find it necessary to prioritize the work to avoid any distress caused to the residents.

Cock Lane is now starting to subside on a large area on one side of the road and subsidence has started to spread increasingly to other parts of the road as well. Unless work starts soon the whole road is in danger of collapsing. In view of the escalating potential threat to these roads, may I urge the Local Committee to use any emergency funds which may be within the Local Committees discretion to be made available as they think fit so that this long awaited resurfacing work can start sooner rather than later?

Response from SCC Highways:

Oswald Road, Oswald Close, Cock Lane and Penrose Road Fetcham have been identified for resurfacing as a part of the Operation Horizon, the County's five year major resurfacing programme.

Cock Lane and Penrose Road were originally identified for year one. Unfortunately there are particular ground condition issues associated with these sites. The roads were therefore deferred pending completion of a suitable design solution. A revised programme will be agreed with members once the design is completed.

In addition, drainage issues in Cock Lane and Penrose Road have been highlighted by the Flood Forum and investigations carried out. A number of drainage repairs

have been completed to road gully connections in Cock Lane and one further issue is still under investigation in Penrose Road.

Oswald Road and Oswald Close have been identified for works during years 3 to 5 and the updated programme will be advised in due course as year 3 works are confirmed.

In the meantime, Surrey Highways will continue to inspect and deal with any dangerous defects that may occur on all these roads and would encourage residents to report such defects via the County's website to enable appropriate action to be carried out.

Questions from Mr Stephen Cooksey:

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 work would take place and that funding was available to do this. That assurance was repeated in answers to written questions to Local Committee in December 2013, March 2014, June 2014 and September 2014. However no work has yet been undertaken. Could I be informed of the dates scheduled for beginning and completing this work?

Response from SCC Highways:

The materials have now been procured and have been delivered to Beare Green Depot. The works to repair the various sections of "missing" Yorkstone footway paving on the South Side of Dorking High Street will commence shortly and it is anticipated the work will be completed by end of December.

The Maintenance Engineer will keep the Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and local divisional member informed of progress.

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2. Work has been undertaken to resolve the flooding problems at the Deepdene Roundabout but does not appear to have been completed. Could I be informed when this work will be completed and the verges re-instated and whether this work is sufficient to resolve the flooding problems on both the North and South sides of the A25 in the vicinity of the roundabout?

Response from SCC Highways:

The appropriate drainage officer is not available to respond to this question. A full response will be provided to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Member on his return from leave.

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3. Some months ago the Local Committee approved a parking scheme for Dorking High Street with the aim of preventing indiscriminate parking and improving safety. The Committee was informed at the time of approval that this would be brought forward for public consultation as quickly as possible. Would you please inform me

why the scheme has not yet been submitted for public consultation after so many months and when it is planned for the consultation to be undertaken?

Response from SCC Highways:

Since the committee first approved proposals in Dorking and Leatherhead town centres it has been necessary to carry out further consultation with businesses and stakeholders in Leatherhead to finalise proposals for consultation. This is now complete and so it is intended to start statutory consultation in early January with the intention of reporting comments and objections to the March committee meeting. Preparations for the current parking review and the Rothes Road resident parking consultation in recent months have also called on parking team resources and had an impact on the progress of this work.

In addition to the normal statutory advert for these proposals we intend to inform local businesses and residents in the vicinity by a letter drop and street notices. All the information will be available to view during the consultation period on the council's web pages and at the local library/civic centre.

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4. Two weeks ago a report appeared in the Dorking Advertiser highlighting a hole that had appeared in the high pavement in Dorking High Street. When this occurred it was simply covered with a yellow plastic cover and has been left in that condition for a long period of time. Now the pavement around the hole is beginning to disintegrate leaving a potentially dangerous situation. Would you please inform me why no action has been taken to repair the pavement at this point and when it is anticipated that repairs will be undertaken?

Response from SCC Highways:

When originally reported the defect was made safe with the footway board. Initially the defect was believed to be related to utility apparatus or reinstatement failure. Subsequent research indicated this was not the case. The Maintenance Engineer has therefore raised a job to have an excavation carried out and a thorough investigation into the suspected void. This work will be carried out within the next month and the cause rectified.

Question from Cllr Rosemary Dickson:

Would it be possible to amend the road sign at the cul de sac off the Oxshott Road (near Tesco) to read No Through Road or Cul de Sac?

Large vehicles are going down there thinking they can take a short cut to Oaklawn Road but find they are stuck with no turning space. The residents are getting very tired of this.

It should be possible, even possibly using a transfer (in red) saying that there is no way through. This might be cheaper than a new sign. Something needs to be done.

Officers can arrange for a Cul de Sac sign to be installed at the junction of the D2866 Oxshott Road with the A244 Oxshott Road, Leatherhead. This could be funded from the Local Committee's ITS allocation for signs and road markings,

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