



**WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** 4 MARCH 2015  
**SUBJECT:** WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS  
**DIVISION:** WOKING

**1. Question from Mr Will Forster, Surrey County Council**

The large majority of local committees have agreed to review the coordination of roadworks and quality of reinstatements of utility work, please can the Chairman confirm why, despite significant problems in Woking in recent months, this committee has decided not to review roadworks?

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

The Street Works department has recently presented a report to the Waverley, Elmbridge and Spelthorne Local Committees on the first year of operation of the South East Permit Scheme which is used within Surrey Highways to manage activities on the road network, most commonly this is works by utility companies.

This report has been scheduled to be taken at the Informal Woking Joint Committee in April 2015. Runnymede, Mole Valley and Reigate and Banstead also plan to take the report at one of their future meetings.

**2. Question from Mr Will Forster, Surrey County Council**

New Lane and Sutton Green Road were resurfaced in July 2014. The resurfacing has lowered the road and several residents are complaining about noise from the cats eyes, especially when buses and lorries travel over them.

Please can the County Council see if these cats eyes can be lowered or the sound reduced?

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

The cats eyes have been inspected on New Inn Lane, and the team has confirmed that they have been installed correctly. The previous cats eyes had been slightly buried by a past surface dressing treatment so would have appeared lower.

**3. Question from Mr Will Forster, Surrey County Council**

Please can Surrey County Council agree to enhance the signage at the south side of Woking station to a) stop vehicles turning right and wrong way out of Station Approach into Oriental Road and b) stop vehicles turning left out of the Travel Lodge into Oriental Road?

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

There have been no previous reports to Surrey Highways about vehicles turning right and the wrong way out of Station Approach. The existing road markings and No Right Turn sign at the junction of Station Approach with Oriental Road are the standard signage provisions and should be sufficient for the majority of drivers. It would though be possible to add an additional sign if required, and this could be made more conspicuous than the existing sign, which could also be replaced. However, if drivers are intent on turning right or they continue to fail to see the signs and road markings, there is nothing physical to prevent a right turn, and the current road layout and width would not allow an island to be built to deter this activity. Provision of an island is something that should be considered as part of any future redevelopment in this area of the town.

The need for a sign opposite the exit from Travelodge has already been identified and will be included on a list of work for the next financial year. Some additional road markings to complement the signs will also be considered.

**4. Question from Mr Will Forster, Surrey County Council**

Surrey County Council was planning to resurface Vicarage Road and the bellmouth junction of The Moorlands in 2014/15, however this work was deferred due to Thames Water's roadworks.

Please will the County Council agree to resurface Vicarage Road and The Moorlands in 2015/16 following the completion of the utility works?

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

Resurfacing of Vicarage Road and the bellmouth junction with The Moorlands was one of the items promoted by the Woking Joint Committee in 2014/15. It was not possible to carry out this work in 2014/15 due to a conflict with other works planned by a utility company.

As no capital funding has been allocated to this project for the 2015/16 financial year, it is not possible to give a firm commitment at this time that the resurfacing work will take place. However, alternative funding sources are being considered, and the Maintenance Engineer for Woking is carrying out the necessary preparatory work to enable delivery this year subject to funding being confirmed.

**5. Question from Mr Will Forster, Surrey County Council**

Stockers Lane in Kingfield is a pleasant and quiet unadopted road in my division. I have been made aware of rumours that Surrey County Council is planning to adopt Stockers Lane in between Kingfield Road and Rydens Way into the highway network.

Please can the County Council confirm that there is no such plans to adopt and resurface Stockers Lane? Please can the Council confirm it will never pursue plans to adopt Stockers Lane without support from local residents?

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

Having consulted with Surrey County Council's Highways Information Team and the Transport and Development Planning Officer for Woking, there are no known proposals to adopt Stockers Lane.

Adoption requests are normally raised by residents living along an unadopted road, often through their Local County Councillor, or by developers who have constructed a new road with the intention of it being adopted.

A summary of the road adoption policy can be found on the Surrey County Council website using the following link:

<http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning/planning/transport-development-planning/surrey-county-council-policy-on-road-adoption>

I am not aware of any instances where roads have been forcibly adopted contrary to the views of the residents which would be affected by such an action, but it would be inappropriate to give the undertaking requested as the future communal needs of residents and highways users cannot be predicted.

I can though state that the likelihood of attempting to adopt Stockers Lane against the wishes of local residents is extremely small.

**6. Question from Cllr John Kingsbury, Woking Borough Council**

At the bottom of St Johns Hill Road, close to Phipps Autos, the road shows signs of subsidence. When will reinstatement be carried out?

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

It is believed that the area of subsidence at the bottom of St Johns Hill Road is connected with works carried out by Affinity Water, and our Streetworks team has raised this matter with them for attention. In the meantime, a safety repair has been carried out by Surrey Highways to ensure that the carriageway remains serviceable.

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