

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)**

**DATE: 21 MARCH 2016**



**LEAD OFFICER: NICK HEALEY, AREA HIGHWAY MANAGER (NE)**

**SUBJECT: PETITION RESPONSE – FLEET CLOSE**

**DIVISION: WEST MOLESEY**

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

A petition has been received from residents of Fleetside and Fleet Close, West Molesey, calling for the resurfacing of Fleet Close. The petition represents 15 households in Fleet Close and 6 households in Fleetside, with a total of 32 signatures. There are 16 houses in Fleet Close altogether.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

**PETITION RESPONSE:**

Fleet Close was reviewed in March 2016. The carriageway is in poor condition, with substantial areas of wearing course having been worn off altogether leaving the base course exposed. The thickness of the wearing course is less than 40mm thick, which means the worn areas are not considered to be Safety Defects. However now that the base course is exposed, it is likely that Safety Defects will form over the coming months, especially as the weather cools down towards next winter. Further frost during the current winter season may result in Safety Defects forming.

The cost of resurfacing Fleet Close in its current condition would be approximately £15,000. If the road is left untreated and the base course deteriorates, the cost of resurfacing would increase accordingly.

Fleet Close is by no means the only road in Elmbridge or indeed West Molesey that is in poor condition. Roads such as Boleyn Drive, The Crescent, Berkeley Drive, Second Close, Beldham Gardens and Victoria Avenue have all been brought to Officers' attention as being in need to carriageway maintenance works. Fleet Close would be a higher priority than these roads for resurfacing. In addition there is demand on the Local Committee's funds for improvements across the Borough, for example in the Fleetside, Bishop Fox, and Hurst Park estates there is a need for dropped kerbs to assist less able pedestrians to negotiate side road junctions. The demand on the Local Committee always exceeds the available budgets, and so priorities need to be made. The Divisional Member has already allocated their monies for 2017-18 for a feasibility study looking at pedestrian crossing facilities on

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Hurst Road in response to a previous petition, and also to resolve a drainage problem by the West Molesey War Memorial.

Officers maintain lists of suggested maintenance and improvement schemes on behalf on the Local Committee, and will add Fleet Close to the list of suggested maintenance schemes. This does not guarantee that Fleet Close will be resurfaced, only that it will be considered when the Committee's 2017-18 budgets are allocated. The Chairman has asked officers to arrange a private workshop for the Local Committee to review its strategy for budget allocation, to ensure allocations are made to support the Local Committee's long term aspirations for Elmbridge. With this in view the Divisional Member is not able to offer to fund the resurfacing of Fleet Close in 2017-18 at the present time, as the Committee's strategy for budget allocation for 2017-18 is not yet decided.

The Local Committee's 2016-17 budgets are committed, as detailed in the Highways Update report. If Committee wished to resurface Fleet Close in 2016-17 in response to this petition, it would need to reallocate monies from an existing commitment. In the meantime as with all roads in the County Fleet Close will continue to be inspected on a regular basis and any Safety Defects repaired.

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