

**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 3 October 2016****AGENDA ITEM 6****PETITIONS****To receive a petition from resident Mr Mike Reynell with 33 signatures requesting Park Rd East Molesey to be resurfaced.**

The road surface along Park Road, East Molesey is possibly the worst in Elmbridge Borough. The surface is extremely pot-holed and dangerous for cyclists, motorists and walkers alike. This road was designated for resurfacing back in 2015 but the project was cancelled due to "budget restrictions". There is now (9 Aug 2016) no mention of resurfacing this road on the Surrey County Council web site. It is understandable that budget cuts may delay such a project, but it is not acceptable that it should be cancelled completely. We politely request the Council to reinstate this project and provide at least a target date for completion.

**Petition Response:**

A number of the roads adjacent to Park Road have been resurfaced in recent years including Pemberton Road, Kent Road, Manor Road, and Vine Road. Park Road has not significantly deteriorated in recent months but in comparison to those roads nearby that have been resurfaced, it is in poor condition.

The Local Committee decides how to allocate the following Financial Year's budgets every Autumn, with decisions on which individual schemes to prioritise being made during the Winter. The Local Committee decided to allocate approximately £459,000 for the Financial Year 2015-16 to invest in maintenance and improvement schemes across the whole of Elmbridge prioritising Park Road, East Molesey for resurfacing during the then following Financial Year 2015-16.

It was decided by the Local Committee to defer Park Road in favour of Vine Road, with the intention that Park Road should be considered a second priority to be completed as soon as possible after Vine Road. Vine Road connects a number of local residential roads, has a school, church and local hall, so it was a logical decision at the time to prioritise it above Park Road in the 2015-16 programme.

The budget reductions in 2015-16 and 2016-17 meant that the Local Committee did not feel able to prioritise Park Road in 2016-17. Park Road remains on the prioritisation list for the

Local Committee, and will be considered in Autumn / Winter 2016-17 for possible resurfacing in 2017-18. The Local Committee always has more demands on its resources than it can possibly afford, and so there is no guarantee that the Local Committee will prioritise this particular road.

In the meantime the County Council will continue to inspect Park Road for Safety Defects as part of its routine inspection schedule, and would of course respond to any reports of specific Safety Defects made by residents.