



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(MOLE VALLEY)**

MEMBER WRITTEN QUESTIONS

05 DECEMBER 2012

The following questions were submitted in accordance with Standing Order 47.

1. Question from the District Councillor Rosemary Dickson (Leatherhead South)

At the last meeting I asked if Officers could look at the dangerous bend on Rectory Lane/Dene Road leading to Crampshaw Lane, Ashted. I was assured that this would be looked at and some suggestions made to make crossing into Crampshaw Lane safer for drivers. The blind corner makes it impossible to see if traffic is coming round the corner. I have heard nothing further.

Have Officers looked at this site? If they have, what is their solution to the problem?

What is the likely timescale for measures to be put into place?

Response from SCC Highways

Officers regret to inform Cllr Dickson that work has not started on the investigation into measures to improve signing of the bend on Rectory Lane/Dene Road at the junction with Crampshaw Lane. Prioritisation of the team's workload has resulted in resources being targeted to the delivery of schemes on the Mole Valley 2012/13 work programme. Investigation into the signing of the bend is on the South East Area Team's forward work programme and is planned to commence in the New Year when an additional Engineer joins the team. Implementation of any proposals is unlikely to take place this financial year as the Local Committee's budget is now fully committed. However, subject

to funding being agreed, it is proposed that work could be carried out early in the new financial year.

2. Question from the District Councillor Valerie Homewood (Beare Green)

Car Parking in Old Horsham Road, Beare Green

Commuters' cars which are parked all day in the Old Horsham Road, Beare Green, are causing great inconvenience to residents. On 15th November 2011 I informed County Highways of the problems caused by blocked entrances to driveways and asked for white H-lines to indicate where cars should not park. A Case Number (108.883) was given and the work was done earlier this year for which I thank the officers.

On the same date (15 - 11- 11) I requested some action to help cars leaving Hawkesmore Drive to access the Old Horsham Road. Parking here is also blocking sight-lines for residents. The action suggested was to use white lining at the corners to reduce parking and improve sight-lines. A Case Number was also given (108.884). I subsequently raised the matter again at the the Local Committee meeting in March 2012, but so far no action has been taken. Please can something be done about this soon?

Response from SCC Highways, Parking Team

Hawksmoore Drive is a cul de sac with a junction on the Old Horsham Road in Beare Green. There is commuter parking along the Old Horsham Road, however it is not considered problematic enough to warrant the introduction of waiting restrictions in the village at the present time. There are currently no other waiting restrictions in Beare Green.

The use of other road markings to deter parking at the junction of Hawksmoore Drive will be investigated and the parking team will review this location again in the next Mole Valley parking review during 2013.

3. Question from the County Councillor Stephen Cooksey (Dorking and the Holmwoods)

Recent publicity regarding the dangers to pedestrians in Dene Street has highlighted an issue which has been raised over many years by local Councillors and which is of great concern to local people. The article in the Dorking Advertiser indicated the clear danger to residents and particularly children from vehicles mounting the pavement and using the pavement as an extension to the road because of the narrow nature of this two-way street. The vehicles include heavy lorries which service the High Street retail premises from the rear. In the light of this would Surrey Highways investigate the priority that might be given to the one-way street proposal for Dene Street and if this cannot

be achieved quickly investigate ways in which the dangers to pedestrians resulting from the present situation might be mitigated.

Response from SCC Highways

Dene Street forms part of a link between the A24 Deepdene Avenue and the A25 High Street. At its northern end, for a length of approximately 75 metres, the carriageway in Dene Street narrows to a width of approximately 3 metres. The footway is also narrow, measuring not more than approximately 1 metre at any point. There are no waiting restrictions along this section of Dene Street. Analysis of recorded personal injury accidents shows that there were no accidents in the narrow section of Dene Street over the three year period August 2009 to August 2012.

Experience shows that one-way working tends to result in increased vehicle speeds as drivers do not encounter on-coming traffic. Any investigation into the feasibility of introducing one-way working requires identification and assessment of suitability of the alternative route that would be used by the displaced, and consultation with all residents/businesses affected. The introduction of one-way working requires a Traffic Regulation Order and the signing would require illumination.

Workshops have been held with Members to develop a two year forward programme for Integrated Transport Schemes. A report to this meeting of Mole Valley Local Committee seeks approval of the programme. Schemes that had been requested by residents and Members were assessed and prioritised against set criteria (Congestion, Accessibility, Safety, Environment and Maintenance) in accordance with the County's Local Transport Plan. In addition to these requests for new schemes, there are a number of schemes that have been the subject of design in this financial year and Local Committee have indicated that they would wish to see taken forward for implementation.

One-way working in Dene Street was on the list of possible new schemes for prioritisation. However, given the competing demands for funding from existing schemes and the relatively low score achieved under CASEM, Dene Street was not included on the proposed forward programme for 2013/14 – 2014/15.

4. Question from the District Councillor Raj Haque (Fetcham West)

Cock lane recreation ground in Fetcham being used by a lots of sporting purposes, unfortunately the blind corner opposite being used for car parking by some footballers very irresponsibly. As a result of which there has been an accident recently between car and a van, causing extensive disruption to residents living opposite the ground and vehicles coming from opposite direction.

Is it possible for Surrey County Council to put a yellow line or some kind of preventative measure to deter players from parking at the blind corner opposite?

Response from SCC Highways

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