

Agenda item 5



LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

PUBLIC QUESTION & RESPONSE 1

DATE: 24 March 2017

A question has been received from Mr Graham Hodgson,

The public path link between South Hill, Godalming and Brighton Road, has been in dire need of maintenance for many years. The wearing course had worn away over much of the surface area, and even the base course is being reduced by wear, rain, frost and root intrusion, and is often covered with piles of sodden leaves. The trip hazard is significant. The path is used by many commuters, visitors and residents, daily. Whilst it is lit, there are many parts which cannot be seen clearly at night.

This is a SCC responsibility, and should there be any personal damage, clearly SCC will be responsible as they have been warned about this by me through the earlier question over 3 months ago.

My question to the Committee is:

Please could you inform me how often this path is formally inspected; where does this path stand in the list of those requiring maintenance, and when works will be carried out to make it safe?

A report was considered by the Local Committee (Waverley) at its December meeting, regarding the 20% Horizon 2 programme. The 20% list in the Annex covers carriageways only, however the remaining 80% list covers all assets including pavements, structures, drainage, traffic signals, safety barriers, and embankments. This programme commences on the 1st April 2017, for a period of five years. Members were asked to determine the balancing 20% of the overall Horizon 2 list. This included a list of schemes prioritised by the Asset Planning team based upon a rigorous assessment of road condition, hierarchy, and risk. This footway is not currently on the Horizon 2 programme, and as such will continue to be maintained on a need basis. However there is always scope for locations to be amended on these lists.

Although this footway has been assessed and does have a high condition score for Footway Network Survey, It does not however currently meet the criteria for inclusion in Pavement Horizon.

As you are aware the complication of the location is such that this public footway resides immediately alongside a section of private road running from the Brighton Road to South Hill. The footway is formal inspected twice yearly, and will continue to be, and any defects which picked up under our safety defect regime, will then be repaired. It was inspected by the local Highway Officer in October last year, when no defects requiring intervention were found. Sweeping of leaves is a Borough function, and in that regard your comments have been passed to them for attention.

A separate scheme to resurface the footway could always be carried out outside of the Horizon 2 programme, funded by the County member, if he was minded that this formed a high enough priority within his division.