

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)**

DATE: **30 NOVEMBER 2017**
LEAD OFFICER: **SARAH J SMITH, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE OFFICER**
SUBJECT: **QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
DIVISION: **ALL**

Question from Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills):

In the summer of 2016 I reported a number of blocked drains in Leith Hill Road and requested that they be cleared and added to the asset register so that they would be jetted regularly as part of the annual maintenance work carried out by the County Council.

I recently pointed out that these drains were blocked again and received the following response:

"It would appear that despite previous efforts to have this road plotted and added to our jetting program it has not happened. Ad hoc works have been undertaken here but the system has not been updated to generate onto our new program with our new contractors. I have e-mailed the Principle Engineer who is responsible for the Lot 5 Drainage Contract and asked for this to be undertaken. This cannot be undertaken with local resource at this time."

Can an explanation please be given as to why it has not been possible to add these drains onto the asset register and to include them in the regular jetting programme as this should be a very simple task and can confirmation be given that all outstanding maintenance / clearance work will be carried out on these drains before the end of the calendar year 2017 and that these drains will be added to the regular annual jetting programme for 2018?

Response:

The 8 gullies are part of the highway drainage system for Leith Hill Lane, also known as Abinger Road. The gullies are on the stretch of Leith Hill Lane between Footpath 560 to the south of Leith Hill Place Farm. The road is a narrow country lane and, due to the size of the gully cleaning vehicle, a road closure is needed to safely clean the gullies.

We are presently waiting for the information about the gullies to be added to the routine cleaning programme. This information has been forwarded to the

contractor, but appears for reasons unknown to have not yet been included. We are collaborating on rectifying this and working towards the information being put on to the system. Unfortunately, there is no further information as to when this gully data will be able to be added to the routine cleansing programme, at this time.

In the meantime, these gullies will be cleared of the silt and debris, when there is the next available resource, so that the prioritisation for the jetting can be determined. If these gullies are prioritised for the next available time that the Local Area Team have the Client Jetter (quarterly), and coordinated with a road closure request, then the next clean of the gullies could be in the Spring at the earliest.

Question from Cllr Raj Haque (ward member Fetcham West):

Speeding is becoming one of the most overwhelming issues on Kennel Lane Fetcham. In order to tackle this growing problem would SCC consider implementing any Traffic calming measure, before anyone is seriously hurt?

Response:

Kennel Lane runs north from Lower Road to join Penrose Road. It is a residential road subject to a 30mph speed limit and has street lighting along its entire length. Cllr Haque submitted a question to Mole Valley Local Committee on 4 December 2013 regarding the speed of traffic on Kennel Lane. The response to that question stated that Surrey Police had carried out speed monitoring on Kennel Lane during August 2013 and the recorded average speed of traffic was 28.18mph. This figure indicates that traffic speeds on Kennel Lane are within the 30mph speed limit, and therefore there are no current proposals to take action regarding traffic speeds on Kennel Lane.