

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)****DATE:** 8 December 2017**SUBJECT:** Member Question: Rook Lane, Chaldon**DIVISION:** CATERHAM HILL**Cllr Pat Cannon, Chaldon ward District Member asks**

I am advised that this area of roadway was excavated some time ago to clear the pipe across the road which was blocked with drain rods. The result is that the road in this area has now subsided and is getting worse. I have witnessed cars, vans and other vehicles cross the double white lines to avoid the dip, the area is on a bend and any vehicle avoiding the dip by crossing the white lines is creating a potential disaster if met by oncoming traffic. I have witnessed cars and vans with empty trailers hitting the dip and the noise this caused was significant, I can have every sympathy with residents in adjacent dwellings particularly late at night and in the early mornings.

I appreciate that the Council is under severe financial pressure and must prioritise its work schedule so as to deal with the most pressing repair needs, however I do consider this to be a potential hazard as well as a noise nuisance. The tarmac is already starting to crack and this can only get worse, particularly with the cold weather it is likely to exacerbate the problem when the frost could cause the damaged area to break up altogether and require more repairs.

I feel it merits serious consideration and ask what steps Highways will be taking to improve this road.

Response:

Several ad hoc inspections have been made by the Area Highway Office in response to concerns raised by residents regarding the depression in Rook Lane. At the time of inspection the depression did not meet the parameters of a safety defect as set out in the County's highway inspection standards and procedures.

However, the Local Highway Officer has recorded the condition of Rook Lane at this location and should the depression or the road surface deteriorate to a condition where it would be identified as a safety defect the appropriate action will be taken.

The Road Safety Team are responsible for the routine safety inspections of all public highways throughout Surrey and they inspect this road once every 3 months. The next inspection is currently scheduled for January 2018. The Road Safety Team Leader for this area has now been made aware of the concerns raised and action will be taken should the Road Safety Team consider the depression to be a safety concern following the routine safety inspection.

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