

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)**

**DATE: 25 September 2015**

**SUBJECT: Public Question**

**DIVISION: WARLINGHAM**



Regarding Westhall Road, Warlingham John Hill asks:

I have a number of questions relating to work carried out this year on Westhall Road, between its junction with Hillbury Road (near Upper Warlingham Station) and Searchwood Road.

1) What was the planning process which resulted in road markings (both median and parking restrictions) being repainted in the Spring, only for them to be covered by the "top-dressing" exercise, a matter of couple of months later?

2) Why was there a considerable delay between the completion of the "top-dressing" exercise and the start of work to re-instate the road markings?

3) Why was the approach to the two elements of this work ("top-dressing" and re-lining) different?

In the former case signs were put up prior to commencement, telling motorists not to park, thereby allowing the work to be completed without hindrance.

In the latter case this preliminary action was not taken and, therefore, the extensive parking which had resumed since the "top-dressing" exercise has impeded completion of the work. This has resulted in several visits by the team, most recently on Thursday, 17 September, late in the evening.

As of 8am Friday, 18 September there are still some half dozen car-sized lengths of line yet to be joined up.

**Response:**

1. Road markings on the main Surrey road network, defined as Surrey Priority Network (SPN) 1, 2 and 3 roads, are refreshed every three years as part of a cyclical maintenance programme. The SPN 1, 2 and 3 network in Tandridge, which includes Hillbury Road, formed part of the refresh programme for 2015/16. As part of the refresh, where there are road markings that extend into side roads, such as yellow line waiting restrictions, these are also refreshed for up to a distance of 30 metres.

Officers liaise with the Works Delivery Group to determine which roads are due to be resurfaced under their various works programmes, to avoid the issue that has arisen in Westhall Road. However, the surface dressing programme was not finalised at the start of the financial year and regrettably the road markings were refreshed only to be removed as part of the surface dressing scheme.

2. Road markings cannot be relaid on a newly surface dressed road for at least one week after the dressing has taken place. This information was included in the letter delivered to residents prior to commencement of the works. The weather has also delayed the reinstatement of the road markings, as they cannot be laid during wet conditions.

3. The signs put on site for the surface dressing scheme cover both the resurfacing and line marking phases of the works. These should still have been prior to the road marking being carried out, but may well have been disregarded due to the delay between completion of the resurfacing and commencement of the road marking work. The majority of the road markings were replaced over one night. Any sections that remain incomplete due to parked cars or similar will be attended to as a matter of urgency, subject to the weather.

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