

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)****DATE: 14 MARCH 2018****LEAD OFFICER: SARAH J SMITH, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE OFFICER****SUBJECT: QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS****DIVISION: DORKING HILLS**Questions from Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills)**Re: A24 Mickleham Bends – Chevrons**

The Local Committee will be aware of the very long time that it took to replace the safety signs on the Mickleham Bends and that when the majority of signs were replaced, the final set of chevrons on the northbound carriageway were omitted from the work. These final chevrons were supposed to be on Santa's sleigh and replaced by the end of December but this did not happen and they are still missing. As such, can confirmation be given that the Easter bunny will be bringing these chevrons and that they will be installed before Easter? This work has been committed and funded for months so there is no apparent reason why it remains outstanding.

Response:

As part of the signs maintenance programme on the A24 through the Mickleham bends, 46 verge marker posts on the northbound carriageway, 2 large Chevreflex chevron signs for southbound vehicles in the central reservation and 1 further chevron sign on the northbound carriageway were replaced.

The outstanding chevron to be replaced on the A24 Mickleham bends is the third of three on the nearside northbound carriageway. This sign is being replaced following a road traffic collision under the Damage to County Property process. The work of replacing this chevron is part completed, with the new post having been erected to replace the post damaged by vehicle impact. The chevron sign is due to be fitted shortly to complete the work. It was not possible to complete the work in one visit as the concrete foundation had to be left to cure.

Re: A24 Denbies Roadabout - Direction Sign

The routing sign on the northbound carriageway at the Denbies roundabout was damaged probably two years ago and a commitment to finally replace

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the sign was made last year with a committed date for the work to be done given as end March 2018. Given the issues with meeting committed deadlines over the chevrons at the Mickleham Bends, can confirmation please be given that this sign will be replaced before the end of March 2018?

Response:

Sign work is batched quarterly for efficient delivery of the works. The replacement direction sign at Denbies roundabout was erected on 31st January 2018.

Re: A24 Denbies Roadabout – Countdown Markers

There are missing distance markers on both the northbound and southbound carriageways to the Denbies roundabout. These are required for safety – can a timescale please be provided for these distance markers to be replaced?

Response:

A request for the replacement of the 200 yard countdown marker on the southbound approach to Denbies roundabout was made in early January. This was past the ordering deadline for delivery this financial year. The replacement sign will be ordered for delivery in the first quarter of the new financial year. Officers will check on site if there are any other countdown markers that require replacement and if so, these will be included as part of the order.

Re: Logmore Lane, Westcott – Environmental Improvement

At a meeting with County Officers and Residents in Logmore Lane, Westcott in late 2016 a commitment was given for environmental improvement work to be carried out on the triangle of land at the junction of Logmore Lane and Westcott Common in the 2017-8 financial year. Can an update please be provided on this project which was promised to residents and, if it has been cut as a result of funding issues, can an explanation be given as to why the residents were not informed that the commitment to undertake the work had been withdrawn?

Response:

The position over the current financial year has meant there were insufficient funds for the environmental work to be carried out. Residents can be assured that the commitment remains to carry out this work, but no timescale can be given at this stage as funding still needs to be identified.

Re: Dorking High Street – Footway Repair

The pavement outside Ask / The Gym in Dorking High Street was recently repaired following a Yorkstone paving slab being broken and protruding above the level of the path. On repair, the paving slab was removed and

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replaced with a patch of unsightly tarmac. Can a timeframe now be given for properly repairing the path with a Yorkstone paving slab as opposed to unsightly tarmac?

Response:

The footway was repaired using tarmac to remove the identified safety defect and thereby keep the footway safe for use by pedestrians. This will be followed up by a permanent repair using Yorkstone paving.

The Maintenance Engineer will follow up the issue with our main contractor to establish when the permanent reinstatement of the slab will be carried out and keep the local member informed.

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