



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 11 June 2018

AGENDA ITEM 06

WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Question 1: Gaby Brocking

Re: Haines Bridge safety

What can be done to make the Haines bridge safe for pedestrians?

The pavement is very narrow, I have seen cars mount the pavement. This bridge deters many parents from walking their children to school.

Officer Response:

These concerns were raised to the Road Safety Working Group of Surrey County Council and Surrey Police. The county council, in partnership with the police, identify locations with a poor safety record by analysing collision data and trends. The police share the relevant information of recent incidents with the council, through the safety partnership initiative. Locations of community concern are also considered, when residents, elected members or community surveys have highlighted locations where it is thought that there may be a traffic problem. Assessment potentially leads to the development of measures such as physical changes, enforcement, or educational campaigns. At its meeting of April 2018, the partnership discussed the concerns but, with consideration of other sites, the Haines Bridge area was not prioritised for action.

The footways across Haines Bridge are relatively narrow. There are a number of ways in which these could be made wider. For example:

- Installing a two-way priority shuttle system controlled by traffic signals. As Queens Road is a strategic A-road, this would not be suitable in operational terms, and would result in significant congestion on all roads in the area. Such a scheme would not be affordable by Elmbridge Local Committee, based on its current and anticipated future budgets.
- Removing the footway on one side to enable the remaining footway to be widened. This would disadvantage all pedestrians on the side where the footway is removed.
- Installing a new wider structure, or a parallel structure for non-motorised users. The existing structure is maintained by Network Rail. Any such solution is beyond the budgets and jurisdiction of Elmbridge Local Committee.
- Railings or barriers on the footways. The footways are too narrow to install railings or barriers whilst maintaining width for users, including pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

For the reasons outlined above, it is not currently possible to consider any significant alterations to Haines Bridge.

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Question 2: Cllr Ian Donaldson Re: St George's Avenue resurfacing

Please advise when St George's Avenue will be resurfaced?

Officer Response:

At the present time there are no firm plans for resurfacing St George's Avenue for the foreseeable future. Notwithstanding this, there are two outstanding bids for funding that would enable St George's Avenue to be resurfaced:

- A bid to Elmbridge Borough Council for CIL funding, and,
- A bid to the Enterprise M3 LEP for the Brooklands Sustainable Transport Package (STP).

If either of these bids were to be successful, we would then have the necessary funding to be able to resurface the end of St George's Avenue near the station.

Question 3: Jane Bathurst Re: Traffic Survey on Hare Lane

Following the Committee's decision at its meeting on 4th December 2017 to commission a traffic survey on Hare Lane during the 2018/19 financial year, please can the Committee give more information on the dates of the traffic survey? Also, will the survey be carried out at just one point on the section of Hare Lane in question or will there be several assessment points?

Officer response:

It is currently anticipated that the traffic surveys will be undertaken in summer 2018, outside of the school holiday period. The details are currently being discussed with Surrey County Council's Transport Studies Team to determine the most suitable locations and types of survey equipment. The surveys will be on Hare Lane as well as on Loseberry Road and Raleigh Drive.

The information from the surveys will be used to inform the feasibility study, which Elmbridge Local Committee agreed to progress at its meeting in December 2017. Surrey's Highway Design Team are undertaking the study, which will include:

- Feasibility of a 20mph speed limit, with supporting measures such as traffic calming and road markings
- Improvements for pedestrians
- Alteration of carriageway and footway width
- Consideration of change in traffic priorities
- Impact on existing verges and trees

The study is to be completed in financial year 2018/19 and reported to the local committee.

Question 4: Mark Sugden Re: Roads repairs in Claygate

Given the appalling winter weather damage to roads in Claygate, especially dangerous potholes, can the Elmbridge Local Committee confirm which roads in our

Village have been/will be repaired, from the extra £20 million for roads agreed by SCC; when will Project Horizon 2019/20, schemes be agreed and will the High Street, Claygate, under consideration, be definitely included?

Officer response

The 2017-18 winter season has been particularly challenging. The average number of Safety Defects reported over the last few years for February and March has been 3,516 and 3,851 respectively. For 2018 these figures were 6,524 and 8,377 respectively. Surrey County Council's Safety Defect repair team has now caught up with the backlog of Safety Defects that have been reported by residents. Residents are encouraged to report any specific suspected new Safety Defects on our website here:

<https://www9.surreycc.gov.uk/highwayproblem/LocateProblem.aspx?GISDefectTypeId=8>. Please note that we do not repair every defect – only Safety Defects that are generally at least 40mm deep and at least 150mm in diameter in a carriageway.

As well as repairing specific Safety Defects, Surrey County Council is responding in a number of different ways to the adverse winter season:

- Our Winter Damage programme is focussing on B and C class roads, as these are some of the busiest in the County. In Claygate both High Street and Red Lane are being considered for treatment as part of this programme. Annex C to the Highways Update item on this evening's agenda gives a full list of roads being considered for this programme in Elmbridge.
- There have been recent announcements of an additional £15M for road repairs over this Financial Year and next, but the criteria for investing this additional money has not yet been decided by Surrey County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways.
- The Local Committees have been given additional monies over and above what had been planned for in the County Council's previous Medium Term Financial Plan. Officers have made recommendations for investing £100,000 of the Local Committee's additional revenue to ensure that one road is treated in each electoral Division. Elm Road in Claygate is a reserve site for this funding. Annex E gives the full list of roads being recommended by officers for this funding.
- The list of roads for consideration for future years of the County Council's Horizon capital investment programme includes a number of sites in Claygate: High Street and Holroyd Road for carriageway resurfacing, Beaconsfield Road for footway resurfacing, Oaken Lane and Raleigh Drive for culvert maintenance. Decisions for the 2019-20 Horizon programme will be taken later this Financial Year. Full details of the Horizon programme are published online here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>.

Question 5: David Bellchamber Re: CIL funding

Can the general public be assured that the Elmbridge Local Committee will not ask Elmbridge Borough Council to fund routine maintenance of the highway from monies raised through the Elmbridge Community Infrastructure Levy, reserved as those monies should be for infrastructure projects within the borough.

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Officer response:

Surrey County Council's understanding of the CIL regulations is that CIL may only be used to fund capital activities. Routine maintenance, for example pothole repair, vegetation management, gully cleaning, and so on, are all revenue activities, and therefore are not eligible for CIL funding. If there were to be an opportunity to do so, Surrey County Council would gladly bid for CIL funding for any capital investment project that was considered to be a priority for the Local Committee, for example new transport infrastructure such as new pedestrian crossings, new cycle facilities, and congestion reduction measures, or indeed new highway infrastructure such as new drainage systems, new streetlighting, or large scale resurfacing of carriageways and footways.