

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 1 March 2019

SUBJECT: Public Question:

DIVISION: Caterham Valley



District Councillor Alun Jones asks

- a) What is the plan to increase the drainage capacity on Church Hill and Station Avenue (It has previously been confirmed by the Highway Maintenance Engineer that there is a know capacity issue in this area)?

Response

This area does not currently feature on our Capital Drainage Programme as we see the most realistic opportunities for addressing the flooding issues lying with improvements being delivered through town centre masterplan. To that end we have been working with Tandridge District Council planning officers in terms of supplying information through the master planning process and continue to do so in terms of identifying work that could be delivered through the developer.

Question 2

- b) Can the Council in its Lead Flood authority advise the flood risk strategy for this part of Caterham Valley and the area surrounding Wetspot Tan147 which has the highest score in Tandridge?

Response:

In our role as Lead Local Flood Authority, we have been working with TDC officers and members to understand how the objectives of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy can be delivered through our respective roles as Risk Management Authorities. (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/flooding-advice/more-about-flooding/surrey-local-flood-risk-management-strategy>)

This particular case would be addressed under objectives 2,6 and 7 of the Strategy. Objective 2 is maintenance of the existing capacity through the routine and adhoc cleansing programme. It has also being assessed for capital improvements under the wetspots programme which fits into Objective 7 of the strategy. It would also benefit from capital improvements through planned development as the Caterham Master Plan applies Objective 6 of the strategy. It is this that has the most likelihood of success and is our current focus through working with TDC planning.

- c) Due to the direct impact blocked gullies on Church Hill have on Wetspot Tan147, can the council increase gully cleaning from the current level of once a year to a more appropriate level for zones with high surface water runoff and the impact increase in flood risk at Tan147 blocked gullies have?

Response:

At the end of this financial year, a full optimisation of the Gully's and catchpit's will be carried out. This will take into consideration the silt levels recorded over the past two years, and the Strategic Priority Network of the roads, against set criteria. This will result in some roads being cleaned more often and others having a reduction, this optimisation will identify roads that require more frequent cleaning.

As the optimisation will not be completed until the end of March we are unable to say if this road will have it cleaning increased. Please also be aware that this optimisation looks at the silt level recorded as an average of the whole road and not individual areas or assets, if additional cleaning is required for parts of a road or individual assets, this will be arranged by the Area Highways Team.

It is recognised that the Parish Council takes an interest in flooding and drainage and Surrey County Council welcomes working together in collaboration.

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