

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (ELMBRIDGE)

DATE: 6TH SEPTEMBER 2019
 SUBJECT: DENNIS ROAD
 DIVISION: WEST MOLESEY

PETITION DETAILS:

The petition reads: *“We, the undersigned, are concerned residents who urge our council to act now to resurface Dennis Road, East Molesey.”* The petition cites a letter written to Surrey County Council’s Head of Highways and Transport – this letter makes a number of comments, which are summarised below:

- The condition of Dennis Road has previously been brought to the attention of the Highways Service, which responded to say that the condition was not poor enough to make the road a priority for investment.
- Only Safety Defects are repaired in Dennis Road; lesser defects are not repaired.
- Dennis Road has not been resurfaced for at least 20 years.
- The road is unsightly.
- Alleged danger to residents.
- Alleged damage to vehicles.
- High kerbs.
- Nearby streets have been treated in recent years, including Park Road, Pemberton Road and Vine Road.

The petition has been signed by 40 residents of Dennis Road, representing 35 households.

Lead Petitioner: Sanne Enemark

RESPONSE:

Dennis Road is not in particularly poor condition compared to other roads elsewhere in the county. There are occasional Safety Defects, but these are managed with individual repairs as and when they occur.

There are no recorded casualties in Dennis Road since 2009.

Dennis Road is highly likely to contain tar, in common with other roads nearby. Tar is safe when bound into a road surface. However during resurfacing, when the upper layer of asphalt is removed, any material containing tar must be disposed of at a specialist landfill site, as it is classified as hazardous waste. This would tend to make any resurfacing of Dennis Road expensive. The kerb height and cambered profile of the road would make any resurfacing scheme technically challenging, which would also tend to push the cost up.

Dennis Road currently has a cobble detail running down both edges of the road. This would be removed if the road were to be resurfaced.

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Officers estimate the cost of resurfacing to be in the range £60,000 to £90,000. Dennis Road does not currently feature on any County Council programme for investment. This means that the only funding available to treat this road would need to come from the Local Committee. Committee's capital budget is fully committed this Financial Year 2019-20. This means that the earliest Committee could allocate funding for this road would be 2020-21. If Committee were to receive the same capital budget in 2020-21 as it received in 2019-20, and if Committee were to allocate funding to resurface Dennis Road, it would require almost half of Committee's capital budget for 2020-21.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) *Add Dennis Road to its list of roads for consideration for prioritisation for resurfacing in a future year.*

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