

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 9 SEPTEMBER 2019
SUBJECT: SLIPSHATCH ROAD, REIGATE
DIVISION: EARLSWOOD & REIGATE SOUTH



PETITION DETAILS:

We as a community are very upset and dangerously worried about driving Slipshatch Road, Reigate Surrey RH2. The white lines on the bad areas have been worn off by cars going off the road and fallen into the deep ditch at the side of the road. The road is narrow and when you get a vehicle coming the other way it gets VERY SCARY TO BE SO CLOSE TO THE EDGE. There is no run off, so if you come off the tarmac you will most likely crash or possibly roll over which we have seen recently. It is a dangerous road to drive with Kids.

RESPONSE:

Slipshatch Road is a C-Class road linking Sandcross Lane in the east to Clayhall Lane in the west. It is rural in nature with a 40mph speed limit. The existing edge of carriageway markings have been reviewed and are in good condition and are clearly visible.

Surrey County Council receive a vast number of requests for improvements to be carried out on roads throughout the county due to resident's concerns about road safety. These improvements can include traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossing facilities and measures to address concerns about the condition of existing highway verges. Because the number of requests received for such measures vastly exceeds the funding available, funding for such measures is prioritised where their introduction would achieve the greatest benefit in terms of helping to reduce the number of personal injury collisions on Surrey's roads.

Surrey County Council hold personal injury collision data for traffic collisions that have occurred on Surrey's roads over the most recent 5 year period for which data is available. This information is provided by Surrey Police and shows that there have been 4 personal injury collisions have occurred within Slipshatch Road over the most recent 3 year period for which data is available (from 01/04/16 to 31/03/19). All of these collisions resulted in a slight injury, one of which was the result of a driver failing to stop for Police. One of the collisions can be attributed to the poor condition of the verge at the edge of the carriageway along a section of Slipshatch Road. The other 2 collisions could not be attributed to the condition of the verge.

Officers have visited Slipshatch Road to inspect the locations where the verge has sunk below the height of the existing carriageway. It is not immediately apparent what has caused the verge to sink along certain sections of Slipshatch Road, or what would be the most effective method to raise the level of the verge and prevent it from sinking in the future. Therefore it will be necessary to carry out a detailed assessment to examine options and to agree on the most appropriate solution. It is proposed that initial investigation and design work to establish the cause of the verge to sink and the most

effective method to raise the verge be added to the Integrated Transport Schemes List for consideration for future funding.

Officers could also work with the divisional member and district councillor to see if there is any support for any work to be carried out on initial investigation and design work and any opportunities for match funding.

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to note:

- i) The officer's comment.*
- ii) That officers could work with the divisional member and district councillor to see if there is any support for work to be carried out on initial investigation and design work and whether there are any opportunities for match funding.*

The local Committee is asked to agree:

- iii) That initial investigation and design work to establish the cause of the verge to sink and the most effective method to raise the verge be added to the Integrated Transport Scheme List for consideration for future funding.*

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