

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

DATE: 19 JUNE 2020

SUBJECT: PETITION RESPONSE REPORT
- MAKE THE ROADS IN WAVERLEY
SAFE AND KEEP THEM PROPERLY
MAINTAINED

DIVISION: ALL WAVERLEY

RECOMMENDATION

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note the officer response.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Surrey County Council has a statutory duty to maintain the highway and it publishes information on how this is carried out.

PETITION DETAILS:

A petition has been received from Kate Hayes which contains 48 signatures and reads:

“We the undersigned petition Surrey County Council to make the roads in Waverley safe and keep them properly maintained. Repair properly and maintain the roads of Waverley so that potholes and uneven road surfaces do not cause safety issues and damage to property.”

RESPONSE:

Surrey County Council have a statutory duty to routinely inspect the public highway for road condition and safety defects. Defects that meet safety intervention levels are submitted for repairs which are then carried out within specific time scales depending on the severity of the defect. In some cases it may not always be possible to carry out a permanent repair during the initial visit and it may be necessary to carry out a temporary repair until such time that a permanent repair can be carried out at a later date. Defects that do not meet intervention levels are monitored until such time as they may require a repair.

Repairs are carried out by Surrey County Councils appointed contractor Kier and are monitored for quality and timeliness using Key Performance Indicators which

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are regularly reviewed. Repairs that fail the required standards are rectified at the contractor's expense.

Potholes can form due to a number of reasons including inclement weather conditions, road condition and road usage. It is not possible to predict where potholes may form on the network and the council often rely on being informed of their whereabouts by the various reporting methods that exist. When notified, the council will carry out an inspection and when necessary arrange a repair.

There are over 3,000 miles of roads within Surrey; unfortunately, there is insufficient funding to resurface all of the roads. Therefore, roads that are in the worst condition are placed on a priority list and are scored in order of condition and safety. The priority list is reviewed regularly and the highest scoring roads are programmed for resurfacing on a yearly basis. Roads that are not selected remain on the list and are re-scored which may alter their position on the list for the following years programme.

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