

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 12 JUNE 2013

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SUBJECT: MEMBERS QUESTIONS

DIVISION: MOLE VALLEY



Question from Stephen Cooksey, Member for Dorking and the Holmwoods

1. Would the appropriate officer please confirm that remedial work will be undertaken to resolve the flooding problems at the Deepdene Roundabout in Dorking during the current financial year and when it is expected that those works will be undertaken?
2. When safety measures were implemented in Blackbrook Road during the last financial year a review of their effectiveness was promised when they had been in place for a year. Could the Committee now be informed of the date at which that review will be undertaken?
3. Obstructive parking on an evening and particularly on a Sunday has been a problem in Dorking High Street for some years and recently Dorking Town Centre Forum raised this as an issue which required urgent resolution. Could the Committee be informed about what progress is being made to resolve this problem?
4. Can the Committee be informed in some detail about the programme for the implementation of pavement improvements in West Street, Dorking including the funding arrangements that are now in place?
5. Cycling on the pavement except in specifically designated areas is illegal. However that rule is regularly disregarded by cyclists and the behaviour of a small minority of cyclists on the pavement causes serious concern to many people particularly those who are elderly and infirm. One issue that has been raised regularly by residents is the lack understanding about where a designated area begins and ends and I have frequently been asked whether the signage at the beginning and end of these zones can be made clearer. Can this issue, which is one of increasing concern, be addressed in a way that will encourage everyone to understand where cycling on the pavement is permitted?

Response from SCC Highways Team:

1. Deepdene Roundabout is on the capital drainage programme for the current financial year. Design is currently in progress and it is anticipated works will be completed by March 2014.
2. The measures in Blackbrook Road were implemented in November 2012. 'After' speed surveys are on the South East Area team's programme to be carried out once the measures have been in place for 12 months.
3. On the agenda for this meeting there is a paper in which the committee is asked to approve the establishment of a parking task group, in recognition of the importance of parking as an issue. Within the proposed terms of reference for the task group there is a section defining its role, part of which is to reduce the town centre congestion that currently exists in evenings and on Sundays. Another part of its role is to work together and consult with communities and residents about options and opportunities for parking (in car parks and on street). As the situation on the High Street in the evenings and at weekends is specifically mentioned, the task group will presumably consider it a priority and report its findings to this committee in due course.
4. The topographic survey has been carried out and a letter has been sent to the property owners to seek their co-operation in carrying out a cellar survey, which is programmed to be carried out during the week commencing 10th June. A ground penetration radar survey is also going to be undertaken.

Work on the scheme design for West Street is being progressed by the Design Team in consultation with the Mole Valley District Council Conservation Officer. The Local Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional Member will be consulted on the proposal and, subject to their approval; public consultation is programmed to take place in October/November 2013.

It is intended to report the results of the consultation to Local Committee in December 2013 and seek approval to take forward a scheme for implementation in the last quarter of the financial year.

At this stage, implementation costs are unknown. However, developer funding has been identified by both Mole Valley District Council and Surrey County Council which can be used to finance the scheme. It will not be known until the scheme design has been finalised and costs estimated if there are sufficient monies to fund the total scheme this financial year or a phased approach will be required.

5. Signs that can be placed on the public highway are prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulation and General Directions 2002 and includes the signs associated with shared cycle/pedestrian facilities.

At the March Local Committee, a public question was asked by the Mole Valley Cycle Forum regarding signing of the shared footway on the A24 London Road opposite Dorking Station. Officers will be working with the Cycle Forum to identify how the signing can be improved at this location, within the constraints of the traffic signs regulations.

If there are other specific locations of concern to the divisional Member, Officers would be pleased to take a similar approach and work with the Cycle Forum to review the signing.

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