

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)**

**DATE: 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**LEAD OFFICER: VICTORIA JEFFREY, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITTEE OFFICER (MOLE VALLEY)**

**SUBJECT: FORTY FOOT ROAD, LEATHERHEAD**

**DIVISION: LEATHERHEAD AND FETCHAM EAST**



<b>SUMMARY OF ISSUE:</b>
To present the information obtained in response to a question raised in relation to Forty Foot Road in Leatherhead. This road is an unadopted road that is not maintainable by the highways authority, Surrey County Council.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
<b>The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note</b>  (i) the information obtained in response to the Fortyfoot Road Safety Campaign Group's question to the Local Committee in June 2013.
<b>REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
To present the information obtained in response to a question raised regarding Forty Foot Road in Leatherhead.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 At the Mole Valley Local Committee on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 the Fortyfoot Road Safety Campaign Group raised a question in the open forum. They asked the Committee to repair the road, bringing it up to an appropriate standard and then fully adopt the road, making it a publically maintainable road in the future. It was agreed that officers would bring a report back to the September meeting of the Mole Valley Local Committee presenting the information obtained. The Local Committee does not have the power to adopt unadopted roads. The Local Committee's highway budgets are to be used for the maintenance of adopted roads that are the responsibility of the County Council.
- 1.2 The Fortyfoot Road Safety Campaign Group also took a petition to the Environment and Transport Select Committee on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013. The select committee referred the petition to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and the Environment to look at the case for bringing the road up to standard and for adopting the road.

- 1.3 Fortyfoot Road is an unadopted road located in Leatherhead. However, there are a number of public and community services located on the road. These include:
- a. Woodlands School (Surrey County Council)
  - b. The Beeches (an Anchor care home with the freehold held by Surrey County Council)
  - c. Fortyfoot recreation ground (Mole Valley District Council)
  - d. Fortyfoot Hall – base of Mencap and Fortyfoot Playgroup (Mencap)
  - e. Leatherhead Hospital (NHS)
- 1.4 A short section of Fortyfoot road at the Leatherhead By-Pass end is publically maintainable and was adopted when the By-Pass was built. This report does not provide information on this section of the road.
- 1.5 The section between the By-Pass and gyratory on which Woodlands school is located is not a fully constructed road. Therefore this report does not provide information on this section of the road.
- 1.6 The section of road between Epsom Road and Poplar Road was resurfaced by developers a few years ago and is in reasonable condition; therefore this report does not provide information on this section of the road. It must be noted that when the road was resurfaced it was not done to County adoption standards as drainage was not put in.
- 1.7 Annex One contains an Ordnance Survey map showing the length of road with which the Campaign Group is concerned and the number of meters each property has of frontage onto the road.
- 1.8 While Leatherhead Hospital has a large frontage onto the road, there is no access to the hospital via Fortyfoot Road.
- 1.9 Annex Two shows all premises, their metres frontage and the percentage of Fortyfoot road for which they are responsible.
- 1.10 The Fortyfoot Road Safety Campaign Group has obtained quotes from private companies as to the cost of fixing the road. The maximum quoted was £27,230 + VAT. This would look to improve the road surface and fix the potholes. It would not bring the road up to the County Council's adoption standard.
- 1.11 The road can be considered for adoption if it is brought up to a standard acceptable by the County Council and the owner(s) of the road do not object.
- 1.12 Under the highways act frontages can request that the road be adopted, but this would only be considered by the County Council where the road is at an acceptable standard and it is consistent with policy.

## **2. OPTIONS:**

2.1 The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note the contents of this report.

## **3. CONSULTATIONS:**

3.1 The Chairman and Secretary of the Fortyfoot Road Safety Campaign Group have been consulted in this process.

## **4. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

4.1 If work is undertaken to improve the condition of the road there would be a financial implication upon the County Council in accordance with the % of road owned.

## **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

5.1 The nature of the public and community services located on Forty Foot Road mean that it is frequently used by both elderly and vulnerable young people.

## **6. LOCALISM:**

6.1 This matter has arisen following local residents highlighting this issue to the Mole Valley Local Committee.

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report

## **8. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

8.1 The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to note the contents of this report.

## **9. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

9.1 The Local Committee (Mole Valley) will be provided with an update on the outcome of the decision making meeting of the Cabinet Member for Transport, Environment and Highways, when the matter of bringing the road up to standard and the case for adopting the road.

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**Annexes:**

Annex One Ordnance Survey Map of Fortyfoot Road  
Annex Two Properties and Frontages of Fortyfoot Road

**Sources/background papers:**

- Surrey County Council Policy on Road Adoption
  - Surrey County Council Commuted Sums Protocol
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