

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)**

**DATE: 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**LEAD OFFICER: VICTORIA JEFFREY, COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITTEE OFFICER**

**SUBJECT: MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

**DIVISION: MOLE VALLEY**



**Question from Stephen Cooksey, Member for Dorking and the Holmwoods**

1. Can a timetable now be provided for undertaking the work to resolve the flooding problem at the Deepdene Roundabout?
2. At the last meeting of the Local Committee the issue of unrestricted parking in Dorking High Street particularly on Sundays and evenings and parking enforcement at other times was referred to the Parking Task Group. Would you please inform me of the progress that has been made in finding a solution to these problems?
3. Can a progress report be provided on the implementation of pavement improvements in West Street, Dorking.

**Response from SCC Highways Team:**

1. Officers are currently finalising the design. They aim to start night works on the 21st October. The first week will involve kerbing and drainage works followed by resurfacing works during half term. We will also be undertaking footway works on both sides of the pedestrian crossing to remove localised flooding.

**Response from SCC Parking Team:**

2. The local committee parking task group has been established to look at this and other parking issues. The first meeting is planned in October. It is likely that any proposals for Dorking High Street will need to involve considerable consultation with businesses and stakeholders before any restrictions are introduced. As the local member you will be involved in this process.

**Response from SCC Highways Team:**

3. Cellar surveys, a ground radar survey and a topographical survey have now all been completed. Feasibility design is substantially complete and will include:

- 1.8 metre minimum width footways
- new Yorkstone footway surfacing
- pedestrian dropped kerbs provided across all side roads and accessways
- upgrading street furniture to provide black posts
- new informal (dropped kerbs and tactile paving) pedestrian crossing points
- surface level planters

Mole Valley Conservation Officer's views have been sought prior and the proposals are being amended to take his comments into account. Consultation will then be carried out with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and divisional member. Consultation with local businesses is programmed for October/November 2013 with a report to be presented to Local Committee in December 2013.

#### **Question from Tim Hall, Member for Leatherhead and Fetcham East**

1. The Eastern Brick Arch Pillar at the Cannon Grove Estate Entrance, Fetcham was demolished by an accident on 1st January 2013. Could I know when it is being rebuilt? As the temporary barriers are rapidly assuming permanent status.

2. The Parking Restrictions in Ryebrook Road, Leatherhead have taken six months to implement on the ground and are still not fully completed. Could I know when they will be finally fully implemented? How much this cost so far and how often the lining gang have visited the road?

3. In the Spring Term of 2013, Fetcham Village Infants School opened a new pedestrian entrance at the far end of its site in The Street, near Gatesden Road.

I requested that appropriate Zig Zag lines be installed before the entrance opened. As of the present we still have no Zig Zags Lines and I wondered if there was a time scale for their implementation?

#### **Response from SCC Highways Team:**

1. The Eastern brick arch pillar at the entrance to Cannon Grove, Fetcham will be rebuilt in the Autumn by our main contractors specialist sub contractor. The Maintenance Engineer will keep the local member informed of progress once we have a confirmed programme date.

We apologise for the delay in having the work completed whilst the insurance issues are being progressed, however it is hoped that all costs associated with the rebuild will be recovered and the work soon completed.

**Response from SCC Parking Team:**

2. The new waiting restrictions in this location were substantially completed some time ago, however a gap in the lines has taken some time to complete due to parking associated with local businesses. The road marking vehicle has made several visits to this location, usually while carrying out other work in the area. It is not possible to say how much this has cost, however the contractor is only paid when work has been completed.

**Response from SCC Highways Team:**

3. As this requires a change to the current traffic regulation order, officers will advertise the proposal for a new school keep clear marking at Fetcham Infants School, as part of the current parking review. This is due to be advertised during October 2013.

**Question from Hazel Watson, Member for Dorking Hills**

Can a wig-wag be provided on Ranmore Road in Dorking near St Martin's School for traffic coming from Ranmore towards Dorking to encourage traffic to slow down near the school?

**Response from SCC Highways Team:**

In terms of road signs, Surrey County Council is directed by the legislation of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions, and the guidance of the Traffic Signs Manual. The approaches to a school are usually signed with the red warning triangular sign showing the schoolchildren image with a 'School' text plate below, or a 'Patrol' plate where appropriate. The wig-wag flashing lights are not added in all circumstances. However, the use of wig-wags has become more popular recently as a measure to increase driver awareness near to schools.

The South East Team will investigate the feasibility of providing the requested wig-wag, taking into account the road geometry and visibility to determine a suitable location. The findings, including cost estimates and a recommendation, will be reported to the Divisional Member. This will allow the Divisional Member to make a decision on whether to proceed with the recommendation and to allocate necessary funding for inclusion in the forward works programme.

**Question from Raj Haque, District Member for Fetcham West**

1. The Parking on the road outside Fetcham Post office near the island bollard has worsened now people are parking very close to the island. This is causing a huge problem by narrowing the road meaning traffic cannot go through causing traffic to come to a standstill, and on occasion use the opposite lane which is extremely dangerous. May I therefore ask the

Highways Team to consider putting in some sort of restrict within 10 or 15 meters from the island? Hopefully it may deter people from parking so close to the island.

2. Is the relevant officer able to provide any information about the implementation of the 20 miles per hour advisory speed limit in Bell lane Fetcham; which has already been approved by the members of the Local Committee?

3. At Fetcham lodge large overgrown trees and hedges were cut, in order to clear the pathway for pedestrians and school mums to walk freely. Unfortunately the roots were left underneath. Is it possible to have these tree roots taken out to make the path safer?

4. Is the relevant officer able to provide any reasonable date as to when Cock Lane in Fetcham will be resurfaced to stop further subsidence?

#### **Response from SCC Parking Team:**

1. In June as part of the Mole Valley parking review, the committee approved statutory consultation about new waiting restrictions to prevent this problem in this location. It is planned to carry out the 28 day statutory consultation in the autumn. This gives residents and highway users the opportunity to comment and make objections to the proposals. Subject to the outcome of this and resolving objections, the new restrictions could be in place by April 2014.

#### **Response from SCC Highways Team:**

2. The order has been raised for the equipment in Fetcham (and also Newdigate). Unfortunately it is unlikely that the works will be completed for the start of school term but the scheme should be operational by October half-term . Due to the potential timescales of providing mains power, solar-powered equipment for the trial sites has been specified.

3. It is believed the remaining roots and short small stumps are beyond the rear of the footway within the boundary of Fetcham Lodge properties. The removal of the roots would require considerable excavation. There was some dispute as to the boundary line position between the public highway and the adjacent properties which has not been fully resolved. It was therefore decided not to excavate.

In the interim the local Community Highway Officer has made arrangements to have any re-growth trimmed back to ground level to prevent vegetation from obstructing the footway.

4. Cock Lane together with Penrose Road are included in the Operation Horizon package of resurfacing work planned during year one (2013/14) of the programme. Initial target date for the work is shown as 8th to 12th November 2012. This may be subject to change nearer the time due to operational constraints or delays caused by weather. All Elected members,

residents and road users will be informed of the actual start date nearer the time.

*MVLC 11 September 2013*

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