

FULL COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2017

Written question from Councillor Bob Seely to Councillor Jon Gilbey, Executive Member for Major Contracts Management

I have received several complaints from residents who believe that the change in height and camber of roads, following re-surfacing, puts their properties at increased risk of flooding. I suspect that these are not the only examples on the Island, and that there may be other examples around the Island on newly-resurfaced roads. Does Island Roads consider the likely impact on individual properties of changing road height and camber prior to resurfacing?

Will you ask Island Roads to look into the issue, and to take the concerns of residents in my ward and others seriously?

Will you please copy me in to your correspondence with Island Roads on this issue?

Will you press Island Roads to see this as a recognized problem, not a series of isolated and disconnected cases?

Does Island Roads keep a list of people who believe their properties face an increased risk of flooding after re-surfacing, or who have complained about the change in camber and height? If not, will it agree to do so?

Will you press Island Roads to agree to monitor such properties, and to encourage Island Roads to engage and work constructively with property-owners to minimise the dangers of flooding?

Response

I thank you for raising this matter. I am advised that there have been some instances of impact upon adjoining landowners resulting from changes in levels associated with resurfacing works forming part of the Core Investment Period (CIP) works. I am advised that Island Roads undertake a design process on all resurfacing schemes and this work takes into account the need to achieve satisfactory drainage following the scheme completion. Where there has, unfortunately, been some adverse impact, officers from the Contract Management Team have raised these matters with Island Roads and remediation works have been installed. Frankly I would agree that instances where such problems arise should be a rarity. If you are aware of any of your residents where this is not the case I would ask you to let me know so that officers can raise the matter with Island Roads. I am not aware that Island Roads keeps a register of the nature that you describe but will seek confirmation from island roads via the contract management team and will advise you in due course.