

Email dated 28/5/25

Good afternoon.

This is just to place on record our discussions at the last meeting

with regard to Little Vigo. GU466ES.

There are 40 houses in Little Vigo which is classed as a Private Road or Unadopted Road, depending on who you talk to.

For many years and certainly for the 30 plus years that I have lived there, the residents have contributed to a road fund to try to keep the road in a safe and usable condition for residents and visitors. Part of it is also a public bridleway and public footpath and it is also used every day by dog walkers, cyclists, runners, delivery drivers, etc.

It is our understanding, from land searches and numerous enquiries over those years, that the outer 'road' is part of Yateley Common and is under the 'ownership' of BCA/Blackbushe Airport/Falcon. Indeed for many years the Blackbushe management would provide both machinery and manpower to help to lay the aggregate that the residents would purchase. Depending on the condition of the road, this would happen about every two years with the residents doing their own interim repairs between those visits by the Blackbushe team.

A few years ago, the assistance from Blackbushe ceased, under a change of Management, so residents were left on their own to try and keep the road safe for all users.

Despite the best efforts of residents, none of whom are getting any younger, the road condition is as bad as I can remember and I believe presents a real danger to both residents and anyone else using the road.

A number of us have had suspension springs break on our cars and there have also been a few minor accidents where people try to avoid large potholes and walkers, etc and bump into each other or scratch their cars on the trees and bushes that regularly encroach onto the road itself.

At the last meeting I asked for help in trying to get the road back to a safe and usable condition.

I also asked about who has the responsibility to keep the road safe and, perhaps more important, who would be liable in the event of more serious damage to people or property resulting in potential claims.

I also showed a current government map of Little Vigo which shows that the part of the road, which has the houses numbered 1 to 6, is owned by HCC and I suggested, therefore, that they must have a responsibility to at least keep that section to an acceptable standard and, presumably, the access to it.

There was an indication from two of the council members that this would be looked into and I await feedback on this either before or at least at, the next meeting.

The residents are becoming increasingly concerned about the condition of the road and the surrounding trees and bushes and have

asked me, as their nominated representative, to ask for help, in whatever way that can be found, to improve matters.

I would ask again for your assistance in finding an agreeable way forward on behalf of all residents and all users of Little Vigo and I am happy to work with you or anyone else that might be able to offer a solution or advice.

Thank you.

Best regards

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