

**Open Public Question Time**

1. **Alistair**

I refer to the traffic calming measures at Bagshot High Street. A 20mph zone has been introduced to stop speeding and signs have been put up but the area still needs street markings. The crossing island from the Kings Arms pub is particularly dangerous.

**Reply from the Chair**

I have been chased for further 20mph signs on the road – they will not stop people speeding, but might help. I will ask Officers to review this as the area needs clear signage at both ends of the High Street.

**Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)**

I understand that one of my colleagues is working on this and has met with Parish Council representatives. I will link with him over what has been agreed and will find out if this has been delayed and why.

**Reply from Denis Fuller**

Parking outside the paper shop does not help.

**Reply from Bill Chapman**

PC Clive Munns (Casualty Reduction Officer) is monitoring the High Street and attended the last Parish meeting.

**Reply from Valerie White**

Bigger signs are needed.

2. **Cllr Tim Dodds, SHBC**

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Surrey County Council Officers for the drainage work on Lightwater Road and the vegetation clearance on the Red Road. Both areas are now much improved.

With regard to the signage on Red Road, which was discussed at the last meeting, what is the state of play on the missing signs and the Vehicle activated signs that were promised?

**Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)**

I am disappointed that the damaged / removed signs have not been replaced. We have been chasing the contractor as this is important. The signs have definitely been ordered – we promised them by the end of the year but I will chase these again. I give my apologies that this has not yet been actioned.

**Reply from the Chairman**

Thank you to James Chappell, Camberley News for an excellent article on the Red Road.

**Reply from Vivienne Chapman, SHBC**

There have been petitions on the Red Road and we tried to get this reduced to 40mph, but only achieved a reduction to 50mph. The Deepcut planning application will effect this area, so we will continue to monitor the situation.

**Reply from Lavinia Sealy, SCC**

Is there a need for a crossing on this road? We might need to look at this over the next year. We could consider a crossing point at the Lightwater Road junction.

**3. Richard, Camberley resident**

I drive the Red Road all the time. Traffic lights would not work but two roundabouts at the two junctions (Lightwater Road and MacDonald Road) might. Could the Deepcut development money be used to pay for these?

**Reply from Bill Chapman, SCC**

This has already been proposed as part of the negotiations with the developer but the traffic study on the area will not be published until Jan 2013.

**4. Katia Malcaus-Cooper, Camberley resident**

Roundabouts might help with the traffic issues, but will not help with crossing this road, which is used by children and walkers. Recently a school child was dropped on the Red Road as they did not have enough bus fare and was told to walk home to the Old Dean.

**Reply from the Chairman**

I appreciate that the road is a busy one, but the majority of land to the South is private MOD land, which should not be used by walkers. There is no public footpath on that side and we would need to take this into consideration when setting priorities.

**5. Murray Rowlands**

I wish to thank Surrey County Council for a grant to establish a job club in Camberley. This is very successful and we want this to extend to cover West End and Chobham. The project needs further funds to keep it going and I would like to request funds from Members Allocations.

**Reply from the Chairman**

The job club is a good scheme, but you will need to talk to individual members on this. However, generally members allocations cannot be used for running costs – they are one off grants for start up or equipment.

**6. Ruth Hutchinson, Parish Councillor**

I would like to thank SCC Highways – Mead Court became flooded in the recent rain and we phoned Highways on Saturday morning and they responded very quickly. However, I would also like to report that

***DRAFT MINUTES to be formally agreed at the next meeting***

the layby on the A322 needs cleaning as it is really bad with detritus from the Highway etc.

**Reply from the Chair**

I will need to refer you to the Borough Council Cleansing department as they undertake street cleaning.

**Reply from Valerie White, SHBC**

This is a problem area – can anything be done about lorries parking in this layby overnight?

**Reply from Vivienne Chapman, SHBC**

I will report this to Tim Passion regarding the cleaning. We do know of the problems in this area and this is being looked at.

**7. Cyril Pavey**

I understand that the Homebase Store in Camberley is being replaced by a Next store. I am concerned that this will cause further traffic congestion on this already busy roundabout. If this is allowed to go ahead, what can be done in future to put this right?

**Reply from the Chair**

I understand that the Highways department have looked at this and the concerns over congestion and will monitor this.

**Reply from Bill Chapman, SCC**

This application has come to the Borough Council and has been looked at. It is very hard to gauge the additional traffic that might result. This is usually modelled by retail volume – which did not, in this case, show a huge increase. We do know that Tank Road is not controlled by lights and traffic waiting there can block the circulation system. If there is an increased problem, we could install lights.

**Reply from Edward Hawkins, SHBC**

The application was really for the expanded store space and was agreed on 24 November. The only additional car parking expansion was at the Old Car Wash. There is also a second exit from the site via Laundry Lane, which is traffic light controlled.

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