

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS

1. HISTORIC STREET LIGHTING IN CRANLEIGH

I would like to congratulate the Council on its excellent programme of renewing street lighting and on the significant cut in carbon emissions that will result from this. I hope that, as part of its programme of street light replacement, the Council will give due regard to Surrey's conservation areas and ensure that local conservation officers are consulted and that existing lamps in these areas are replaced with ones of matching design.

I should like to draw the Council's attention to the historic lighting in Cranleigh around the Common - a conservation area - and in the High Street and urge its officers to work closely with Waverley's conservation officer to ensure that we are able to wrap the benefits of the latest technology in an appropriate cloak of antiquity.

2. HIGHWAYS

I would like to congratulate the Council on the considerable increase it has secured for Highways funding over the coming years. I hope that, as part of this, it will be able to significantly improve the quality of our roads and also give greater clarity to the residents of Surrey on the timetabling of road works.

I would like to draw the Council's attention to an issue in my Division last week when the main street in the village of Ewhurst was closed and dug up for long-planned resurfacing work, but with only one working day's notice given to local residents. This, unfortunately, coincided with the twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations of the local car garage, which was unable to change the date of its celebrations at such short notice. To compound matters, motorists from other parts of my Division that are also subject to road works were diverted by our own Highways department to the very same main street in Ewhurst, which they had just shut for resurfacing.

I would urge Council officers to give more notice of road works to local residents and to think carefully about their policy on diversions and public communication in order to enhance and maintain much-needed public confidence in our Council and its Highways department.

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