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**Minutes of the meeting of Surrey County Council's
Local Committee in Elmbridge held at
4.00pm on Monday 28th November 2011 at
Walton Youth Centre, Hersham Road, KT12 1LH**

Surrey County Council Members

- ** Mr Michael Bennison (Chairman)
- ** Mr Nigel Cooper
- ** Mrs Margaret Hicks (Vice-Chairman)
- ** Mr Ernest Mallett
- * Mr Anthony Samuels
- A Mr John Butcher
- ** Mr Peter Hickman
- A Mr Ian Lake
- ** Mr Thomas Phelps-Penry

Elmbridge Borough Council Members

- * Cllr Barry Fairbank
- ** Cllr Jan Fuller
- A Cllr Ramon Gray Substituted for by Cllr Ruth Mitchell
- ** Cllr Stuart Hawkins
- A Cllr Peter Harman Substituted for by Cllr Chris Sadler
- ** Cllr Alan Hopkins
- * Cllr Dorothy Mitchell
- ** Cllr John O'Reilly
- ** Cllr Karen Randolph

PART ONE

IN PUBLIC

54/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

There were four apologies for absence from Cllr John Butcher, Cllr Ian Lake, Cllr Peter Harman and Cllr Ramon Gray. Cllr Chris Sadler substituted for Cllr Peter Harman and Cllr Ruth Mitchell substituted for Cllr Ramon Gray.

55/11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING [Item 2]

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2011 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

56/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

Cllr Peter Hickman declared a personal interest in that his daughter lived in one of the roads being considered under agenda item 9, 2011 Parking Review.

57/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS [Item 4]

There were no announcements.

58/11 PETITIONS & LETTERS OF REPRESENTATION [Item 5]

Two petitions were submitted as follows:

St. Georges Avenue, Weybridge Road and Egerton Road – Request for waiting restrictions: 323 signatures

Mr Charles Refoy spoke at the Committee and explained that parked cars were essentially narrowing the roads to one lane, as well as obstructing the exit sightlines from Regents Court and Stroudwater Park. He requested that the Council consider introducing parking restrictions.

The Parking Project Team Leader, Rikki Hill, presented the response to the petition. He informed the Committee that the County Council's parking team had recently carried out a review of parking controls and requests for amendments to the existing controls across Elmbridge. The outcome of the review was detailed in the 2011 Parking Review report, due to be considered by the Committee under agenda item 9. The report contained recommendations for the introduction of additional controls along St George's Avenue and in Egerton Road at its junction with St George's Avenue.

RESOLVED: That

- i. The petition be noted;
- ii. The officer response to the petition be noted.

Ashley Dental, Redhouse Lane – Request to review parking provision: 352 signatures

Mr Chris Wildin spoke at the Committee and explained that, since the introduction of new parking controls in 2010, patients were finding it increasingly difficult to access the surgery, with some considering looking elsewhere for dental treatment. In particular, elderly and disabled patients were struggling to find parking within a reasonable distance. As such, it was requested that the Committee consider

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introducing new parking arrangements to ensure patients could access the surgery.

The Parking Project Team Leader presented the response to the petition. He informed the Committee that, as with the previous petition, parking controls around Ashley Dental were being considered as part of the 2011 Parking Review. The outcome of the review was due to be reported to the Committee under agenda item 9, with a recommendation for the introduction of additional limited waiting bays in nearby Grange Court. The Parking Project Team Leader added that blue badge holders were currently allowed to park on yellow lines for up to three hours.

RESOLVED: That

- i. The petition be noted;
- ii. The officer response to the petition be noted.

One Letter of Representation was submitted as follows:

Hampton Court Avenue – Request for highway maintenance: 55 signatures

Mrs Janet Stow spoke at the Committee and explained that Hampton Court Avenue was in a very poor state and in need of repair. Previous attempts to “patch” damage had not been successful and the road required significant attention. In addition, the grass verges had been damaged by residents pulling up off the road to ensure there was adequate space for passing cars. Damage had also been caused by individuals turning in the road.

The North East Area Highways Team Manager, Matthew Scriven, presented the response to the Letter of Representation. He stated that it was clear that the road would benefit from surface treatment and it has already been included in the Annual Surface Treatment Programme. Residents and the Local Member would be informed of dates when available.

It was acknowledged that the verges in the road had degraded over time, primarily due to vehicles parking on them. However, it was hard to justify intervention at this point in time given that resources were already committed. There was also the issue that resident parking appeared to be a contributory factor behind the damage and that this was likely to continue following any repairs. The officer recommended that the verges be reconsidered in future years.

RESOLVED: That

- i. The Letter of Representation be noted;
- ii. The officer response to the Letter of Representation be noted.

59/11 PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 6]

There were five public questions received as set out in Annex A with the answer. Supplementary question were asked and answered on these questions.

60/11 MEMBER QUESTIONS [Item 7]

There were no Member questions received.

61/11 ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES UPDATE [Item 8]

The Committee received a report from the Parking Project Team Leader which updated Members on the latest developments in respect of on-street parking charges and requested that the Committee determine local arrangements for Elmbridge.

The Chairman stated that the report followed the Leaders announcement on the 11th October 2011 that Local Committees would be responsible for making any decisions relating to on-street parking charges, and the earlier decision by Cabinet in June to delegate decision-making powers to Local Committees in respect of this matter. He stated that this was a complex and important decision, and it was vital that the Committee dealt with the matter in a methodical manner.

The Parking Project Team Leader outlined the report and explained that the Committee had three choices, as follows:

1. The Committee could reaffirm the decision it took in July this year. This would necessitate a further formal advertisement of the significant changes from the originally advertised proposals, in particular the introduction of a free 30 minute period in all locations.
2. The committee could amend the decision taken in July and decide to introduce some charging but in fewer locations than previously agreed.
3. The committee could amend the decision taken in July and decide not to introduce charging in any locations at this time.

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The Parking Project Team Leader stated that, should the Committee decide to amend or withdraw on-street parking charging proposals, it might still be necessary to proceed with some of the advertised proposals. Examples of this included limited waiting bays and waiting restrictions in the High Street and Church Street, Cobham, additional shared use parking bays in Hillcrest, Weybridge, and changes to the hours of operation of the East Molesey CPZ. This was work that had been incorporated into the County Council's on-street parking proposals, but that had already been proposed beforehand.

A number of Members commented that the on-street parking charges had not been supported locally and requested that the Committee amend the decision taken in July and decide not to introduce charging in any locations. In light of this, the Chairman proposed that the Committee agree not to introduce charging in any locations at this time. This proposal was seconded and voted upon.

RESOLVED: That

- i. The Local Committee agree not to introduce on-street parking charges in any location at this time;
- ii. Decisions on any amendments to existing parking controls that were advertised along with on-street charging be decided in accordance with the County Council's constitution.

62/11 2011 PARKING REVIEW [ITEM 9]

The Committee received a report from the Parking Project Team Leader which requested that Members consider the implementation of new waiting and loading restrictions and amendments to existing restrictions at various locations across the borough, to address safety issues and parking difficulties, and to consider other amendments to traffic regulation orders in Elmbridge.

The Parking Project Team Leader requested that Members accept the following amendment to Annex A:

- Page 9, table row 5 (concerning Pine Grove and Hanger Hill), the text in the Action column be changed to read: "Consult".

In response to questions from Members, the Parking Project Team Leader clarified the following points:

- Co-ordination of work in some areas had proved challenging and the County Council was working closely with contractors to ensure that work was progressed. Some work had been delayed due to parked cars and residents were therefore

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being leafleted to ensure roads were kept clear when work was due to take place.

- Where roads had not been included in the annual review, it was not practical to inform residents individually. However, all documentation relating to the review was publicly available should residents want to check.
- It was acknowledged that residents struggled to find parking in Thames Street, Mayo Road, Harvey Road and Dale Road in Walton, and the Parking Team would be consulting residents on whether they wanted a permit scheme introduced. It was noted that the local car park was often under-utilised, with shoppers instead parking in residential roads.
- It was acknowledged that Mill Road was likely to be used by non-residents to access nearby properties and that this would have implications for safety and traffic flow. This issue was due to be examined separately from the 2011 Parking Review.
- It was acknowledged that many of the proposals in Hersham dealt with long-term areas of concern. It was expected that work would be undertaken in 2012, although this was dependent on funding.
- Amendments were being made to the resident parking permit policy, with the maximum number of permits allowed to be based on the sum of the number of cars registered to members of the household minus the number of off-street parking spaces available. It was felt that this was a fairer method of calculation and would ensure available space was better shared amongst those that needed it.

RESOLVED: That

- i. The following amendment be made to Annex A:
 - Page 9, table row 5 (concerning Pine Grove and Hanger Hill), the text in the Action column be changed to read: "Consult".
- ii. Further consultation and stakeholder engagement be conducted at locations at which there will be a substantial change in the parking controls as identified in Annex A (as amended).
- iii. Following the consultation and stakeholder engagement, the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team Manager, in

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consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of this committee together with the relevant county councillor, decide which of the controls should still proceed.

- iv. The locations in Annex A (as amended) recommended for amendments to the existing parking controls, including those subject to further consultation be formally advertised, and subject to statutory consultation.
- v. Due consideration be given to allocating funding to proceed with the introduction of the parking amendments as part of the budget setting process for 2011/12.
- vi. The County Council advertise the making of a consolidation Order (without change) of the existing Traffic Regulation Orders relating to Elmbridge.

63/11 YOUTH TRANSFORMATION AND LOCAL PREVENTATIVE FRAMEWORK [ITEM 10]

The Committee received a report from the Assistant Director of Young People, Gareth Symonds, which provided an update on the work of the Youth Task Group and requested that the Local Committee agree the priorities for the use of the commissioning budget under the devolved Local Prevention Framework.

The Youth Services Area Manager for North Surrey, Nick Charalambous, outlined the report. It was explained that, following a workshop with local young people and relevant professionals, the Youth Task Group had put forward recommendations for local priorities, which providers would be asked to address.

Once the priorities for Elmbridge had been agreed, officers would draft a commissioning specification and invite proposals from the approved providers. Short-listed suppliers would then be invited to present their proposals to the Youth Task Group, which in turn would make a final recommendation for the award of contract to the next meeting of the Local Committee.

Following questions from Members, the Youth Services Area Manager and Cllr Margaret Hicks, Chairman of the Youth Task Group, clarified the following points:

- Funding was being provided through the Local Prevention Framework (LPF) and would ensure increased capacity for youth service provision. This was new money and existing services would not suffer due to re-channelling of funds.

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- Local young people had been heavily involved in the determination of the local priorities and would continue to work closely with the Youth Task Group.
- Funding would be available for 3 years and the County Council was looking to link-up with existing services to avoid potential duplication.
- Providers would be asked to give attention to the whole borough, not just certain areas.

Members thanked officers and the Youth Task Group for their hard work and supported the proposals.

RESOLVED: That

- i. Providers should be asked to focus particularly on:
 - a. Increasing young people's employability skills, including support to address motivation, confidence, and the range of factors, which are barriers to successful transition to employment, further education or training.
 - b. Working to increase opportunities and experience for young people in employment.
- ii. All parts of Elmbridge should have access to preventative services but providers will be asked to give particular attention to the areas identified as currently having concentrations of 'at risk' young people.

64/11 WINDMILL LANE, THAMES DITTON – RECOGNITION AS FULL HIGHWAY MAINTAINABLE AT PUBLIC EXPENSE [ITEM 11]

The Committee received a report from the Highways Information Team Manager, Ian Taylor, which requested that Members determine the status of a section of Windmill Lane, Long Ditton.

The Highways Information Team Manager outlined the report and explained that a section of Windmill Lane, Long Ditton, was currently only recognised as a public bridleway by the County Council. This status had been challenged on a number of occasions and recent research had revealed that, in all probability, Windmill Lane was a publicly maintainable vehicular highway for its entire length.

Cllr Peter Hickman stated that he was pleased the matter had been addressed and supported the recommendations of the report.

RESOLVED: That

- i. The whole of Windmill Lane, Long Ditton be recognised as a publicly maintainable vehicular highway.
- ii. The bridleway section be added to the list of vehicular highways that are maintainable at public expense kept pursuant to section 36(6) of the Highways Act 1980.

65/11 INFORMATION REPORT – HIGHWAYS SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT [ITEM 12]

The Committee received a report from the North East Area Highways Team Manager which updated Members on the progress of highways schemes in Elmbridge.

Following a question from Cllr Chris Sadler, the officer stated that he was aware that the Parking Team had encountered some issues with the implementation of bus stop clearways, partly due to contractual issues. It was accepted that there had been a delay in completing the work and the matter was being addressed. Cllr Sadler requested that the issue be dealt with urgently.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

66/11 INFORMATION REPORT – TRADING STANDARDS [ITEM 13]

The Committee received a report from the Community Protection Manager, Steve Ruddy, which updated Members on the services provided by Trading Standards during 2011 and key activities in the Elmbridge area.

On behalf of the Committee, Cllr John O'Reilly thanked the officer for the detailed report and thanked Trading Standards for their work during 2011.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

66/11 INFORMATION REPORT – FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT [ITEM 14]

The Committee received a report from the Fire and Rescue Area Commander for East Surrey, Eddie Roberts, which outlined the performance of Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) in Elmbridge for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011.

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The Area Commander outlined the report and explained that the service had recently been restructured. Under the new arrangements the service had been split into East and West area teams, with a Commander assigned to both divisions. Previously the service had been split into three areas.

Cllr Margaret Hicks congratulated the service on the positive annual report and requested that the Area Commander outline some of the engagement activities the service had provided for local young people. The Area Commander explained that the service participated in a range of different activities to engage young people, including a school education programme and a “Firewise” scheme that specifically targeted children with an unhealthy interest in fire. The service also ran a “Firefighter For a Day” initiative, where young people could better understand what the job entailed. A key aim of this initiative was to raise the aspirations of young people, particularly those that had been excluded from mainstream education.

Following a question, the Area Commander informed the Committee that investigations into the Gibson Court fire were still ongoing and he was therefore unable to provide an update at this point in time.

RESOLVED: That

- i. The performance of SFRS within Elmbridge be noted.
- ii. The achievement of personnel at Walton, Esher and Cobham Fire Stations be supported.
- iii. The commitment by SFRS to embrace new technology and improved initiatives, to reduce risk further and make Elmbridge safer, be supported.
- iv. SFRS desire to continue working with partners to influence behaviour in the community be supported.
- v. It be noted that, following the evaluation of initiatives, funding may be requested in order for them to be implemented, maintained or continued.

66/11 INFORMATION REPORT – UPDATE ON THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE OLYMPIC CYCLING EVENT [ITEM 15]

The Committee received a report from the 2012 Manager, Rhian Boast, which updated Members on the progress made by the Surrey 2012 team in preparation for the London Olympic Cycling Events.

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The 2012 Business Development Officer, Surriya Subramaniam, outlined the report and, following questions from Members, clarified the following points:

- The test event on 14 August 2011 had been a success, although some areas had been identified as needing improvement.
- Whilst the test event could not hope to replicate the exact conditions of the real events in 2012, it had still been a useful exercise.
- A debrief report detailing proposed changes would be available to Members after the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- i. That the report be noted.

53/10 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS REPORT [ITEM 16]

The Committee received a report from the Community Partnership Team Leader (East) which outlined the proposed criteria and process for the use of Members' Allocations and made recommendations on a number of proposals.

RESOLVED: to

- i. Note the Criteria and Guidance Note for the use of Members' Allocations as set out in Annex A and B.
- ii. Note the allocations approved under delegated authority by the Community Partnership Manager and Community Partnership Team Leader (East Surrey) in consultation with the Chairman (paragraph 2).
- iii. Agree an application for funding of £2000 from Say - It's Friday Youth Club for the purchase of replacement speakers and provide an outing. To be funded from Mr Butcher's Revenue Allocation.
- iv. Agree an application for funding of £1740 from The Counselling Partnership to replace out of date IT equipment. To be funded from Mrs Hicks' Revenue Allocation.
- v. Agree an application for funding of £1500 from All Saints' Church, Weston to refurbish a small room at the church. To be funded from Mr Hickman's Revenue Allocation.
- vi. Agree an application for funding of £10,000 from Esher & District Citizens Advice Bureau to fund a Young Persons Finance

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Project. To be funded from Mr Bennison's, Mrs Hicks', Mr Cooper's and the Capital Allocation. Further funding is sought from individual member's allocation.

- vii. Agree an application for funding of £3000 from Long Ditton St Mary's Junior School to create a bike & scooter storage area and a parents waiting area. To be funded from Capital sponsored by Mr Hickman.
- viii. Agree an application for funding of £1462 from St Paul's Church PCC to install a choir stalls audio system. To be funded from Capital and Mr Mallett's Revenue Allocation.
- ix. Agree an application for funding of £675 from 1st Molesey Scout Group to improve security on the scout premises. To be funded from Capital and Mr Mallett's Revenue Allocation.
- x. Agree an application for funding of £2000 from The Friends of St Albans Catholic School to erect a canopy for Year 1 pupils. To be funded from Capital and Mr Mallett's Revenue Allocation.
- xi. Agree an application for funding of £4000 from St Mary's Church PCC towards phase 2 of the church re-roofing. To be funded from Capital and Mr Mallett's Revenue Allocation.
- xii. Agree an application for funding of £650 from New Shoots to purchase Table Tennis Table, Pool Table and other ancillary items. To be funded from Capital and Mr Mallett's Revenue Allocation.
- xiii. Agree an application for funding of £3400 from Royal British Legion (Molesey) to refurbish the ladies toilet. To be funded from Capital, sponsored by Mr Cooper.
- xiv. Agree an application for funding of £3350 from Capital towards the installation of a concrete post and galvanised railing for Station Road, Thames Ditton, sponsored by Mr Hickman.

The meeting concluded at 18:00.

Chairman's signature

APPENDIX A

SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 28 November 2011

AGENDA ITEM 6

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1 : Tony Palmer, Weybridge

Can the Elmbridge Local Committee advise what action will be taken to resolve the dangerous and unsatisfactory state of the surface water drains on highways in Weybridge? Specific examples include Old Heath Road and Hanger Hill near the station and Queens Road and Heath Road near the cricket green and on the Memorial roundabout? These drains have been blocked for a long time and online fault reports to Surrey County Council's Highways Team has not led to any significant improvement. When these drains don't clear the resulting puddles are a road safety hazard and very unpleasant for pedestrians and cyclists. This is not a problem that appears only during heavy rain. For example, on Queens Road at the junction with Hanger Hill, the drain has been blocked for weeks with a puddle covering half the carriageway. These examples are illustrative of the general bad condition across Weybridge where drains and/or gullies are blocked and water does not flow into the drains. This situation is dangerous and unacceptable.

The Chairman will give the following response:

All drainage gullies are routinely cleared each year, Walton and Weybridge are timetabled towards the end of the cyclic cleaning and will be visited by our contractors in Spring 2012. In addition to this, under the new highways contractual arrangements Elmbridge benefits from a jetting crew for a week every month to deal with ad-hoc issues raised locally. Following each visit the contractor is required to report back any issues encountered - for example when a gully can't be cleared because of broken pipe work or being unable to force open lids in order to jet. Other issues could include new drainage systems being required where there hadn't previously been an issue.

The solutions to drainage problems can range from low cost eg. just requiring jetting, to high cost where systems need to be renewed. There is a countywide wetspot list which prioritises funding for drainage schemes from countywide budgets, those which do not rank as high priority/value for money require alternative funding sources to progress, such a Local Committee allocations.

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With regard the specific locations raised:

Old Heath Road.

This is a long-standing problem with no easy solution. There is no positive drainage system in the area to which SCC can connect the gullies. The gullies all drain into a soakaway. This acts as a holding tank for water, gradually releasing water into the surrounding ground. Once the soakaway is full, or the ground saturated, the water will then fail to drain away.

Standing water or slow draining water will act to greatly accelerate the build up of debris and silt in the gullies. Although we do regularly clear the gullies and jet to the soakaway, any reduction in ponding will be transient because of these problems.

It is likely that a new soakaway and/or drainage system will be required to solve this issue. As you will appreciate this will be very costly and the County will have to assess this site and prioritise it against others for funding. This site is also on the waiting list for jetting

Queens Road junction with Hanger Hill:

Our Highway drainage at this location runs onto the site occupied by the cricket ground. The gullies here function well, however they are frequently vandalised by the deliberate insertion of foreign articles, plastic bags, towels etc.

We do attend as soon as we can once flooding is reported and remove any of the deliberately inserted materials. We did check this site on 10th November and there was no standing water at the time of inspection. This site is on the waiting list for jetting.

Junction of Queens Road, Hanger Hill and Oatlands Drive, Monument Hill:

This area was last jetted in October this year. The drainage system here is complicated in that our surface drainage is wholly reliant on the Thames Water surface water system and in some cases this is not maintained as well as it might be. The contractor cleared blockages when they visited but did find a broken lateral connection from the gully half-way between Monument Hill and Hanger Hill, the system does work but would benefit from the connection being repaired. We are seeking a quote for this work.

Heath Road:

We are aware of the standing water approximately around the bus shelter in Heath Road near the roundabout. As in Old Heath Road there is no positive drainage in the area for us to link our highway drainage. Our latest investigations in July 2011 have indicated that there may be a soakaway system nearby on the heath area. A solution for this location is being investigated as part of the preparations for the Olympic cycle race.

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Question 2 : Ken Huddart, Claygate

How has Surrey County Council addressed the request of Claygate Parish Council that no waiting at any time controls be applied for 10m each side of the South end of Dalmore Avenue, Claygate? This is extremely important to create an effective turning space. The frontager supports this proposal.

The Chairman will give the following response:

The request for a restriction on waiting at any time was considered along with all the other requests for additional or amended parking controls in Elmbridge during this year's parking review. A report on the outcome of the review is included later in the agenda for today's meeting. The report does not include a recommendation to install the requested yellow lines, as they are not considered to be a sufficiently high priority at this time. The location will however remain on the list to be reconsidered in next year's review.

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Question 3 : Dave Arnold

Can the Local Committee confirm that the chicanes removed from Oatlands Drive will not be replaced after the Olympics?

The Chairman will give the following response:

The chicanes were removed for the Olympic Test Event that took place on 14th August this year. There is a requirement from LOCOG that the road is to be clear of chicanes again during the men and women's road races in 2012.

The intention is to put back a temporary measure at the two ends of the build out locations. The temporary measure is a slimmer version of the original build out, but is bolted down and can therefore be removed easily before the events in July 2012.

SCC are currently working with the Police, Road Safety Officers and Local Members to come up with a long term solution which helps reduce the speed of traffic but does not discourage cycling in Oatlands Drive.

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Question 4 : Andrew Davis, Weybridge

Does the Local Committee recognise the studies which indicate that the more 20mph residential area limits there are the easier their compliance and enforcement is and has the committee any plans to introduce area wide residential speed limits in the borough? If so, what is the timescale?

The Chairman will give the following response:

20mph zones and limits have their merits where there is an evidence based need for their introduction and can be a useful measure in casualty reduction. DfT guidance to local authorities is clear in that 20mph restrictions should be self-enforcing which means that speeds already need to be low or associated traffic calming is required to bring speeds down to make them effective.

Introducing 20mph restrictions in areas where speeds are high without such traffic management measures could in fact create a false sense of security to vulnerable highway users, leading to a more dangerous situation developing. Traffic calming is costly and the Committee must therefore consider funding against other priorities across the Borough. It is understood that DfT guidance is currently under review at a national level and we await their reporting with interest. There are no plans at this point in time for the roll-out of 20mph zones or limits across the Borough, it is considered that each location should be considered on its own merit and evidenced need.

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Question 5 : Joe Hall, Weybridge

Weybridge Station enjoys an extremely high volume of passengers each day. Passengers travel to and from the station by foot, car and bus. Does the committee consider the station safe for commuters, particularly when crossing Brooklands Road by foot or entering and exiting the station by car, particularly in peak times and are there any plans for improvements?

The Chairman will give the following response:

The Road Safety Casualty Reduction Working Group, including Highways Officers, Road Safety Officers and the Police, have identified the location as being one where investigation should take place to consider what, if any, improvements could be achieved. An Officer involved in the Olympics cycle race is also involved in the investigation given its proximity to the route. This investigation is ongoing and the findings will be reported back to the Committee Chair and Vice Chair. It should though be noted that funding for road safety schemes is limited and prioritised on a Countywide basis. Given the personal injury collision history in the location it is unlikely that a significant scheme such as a signalised crossing would represent high value for money.