

**Informal Minutes of Public Question time at
Surrey County Council
Local Committee In Epsom & Ewell –
3 December 2007**

Questions 1-4 from C Cllr Jan Mason were presented to the Local Partnership Team Office after the deadline for Members questions. An Officer responded to C Cllr Mason after the meeting, and his answers are noted below for information.

Question 1 – Chessington Road ‘no entry’ signs

Last year officers gave an assurance to ward Cllrs that these signs had been ordered and would be in place asap. Early this year a resident attended the meeting at the Ebbisham centre and enquired why this had not happened. Again assurances were given that these would be ordered and put in. At end of October I started chasing again why these signs had not been put in. Everybody I spoke with seemed not to know anything about it. Eventually a support officer confirmed on 14th November that these signs had been ordered and will take 4 to 6 weeks. Could I ask that these signs are put in asap and that I am informed of when this will take place?

Officer Response

I attach a plan showing the proposed location of the no entry signs at the roundabout with the access from old Chessington Rd. These signs are due to be put up during the week commencing the 7th January 2008.

See attached

Question 2 – Lansdown Road – resurfacing of road

In the confirmed list of roads to be resurfaced in 2006-7 this road was on the list. In July 06 a Traffic Order was set up, signs went on lamp columns, Notice sent to me showing redirected traffic route-etc. I informed residents of the road via our Newsletter that this was going to happen. In October 06 I enquired why this had not happened. Nobody could tell me anything other than "we must have run out of money." Although unacceptable that the local member had not been informed of this I thought it would therefore be top of the list for 2007. Yet again in July 07 another Traffic Order was published stating the same as the previous year. Yet again I informed residents that this was happening this year. It is now end of November and nothing has been done- not an inch of tarmac has been laid! My question is this

How much has it cost to put these 2 Traffic Orders in place (including adverts in newspapers) and WHEN will this road be resurfaced?
Why was work on this road not done when I see in the latest bulletin for

December 4 roads are being resurfaced yet this road which has had 2 traffic Orders put in place is not.

Officer Response

Lansdown Road was due to be resurfaced using a system called surface retread, however a number of roads in Tandridge that were treated in a similar way have failed after a fairly short time so this type of maintenance has been put on hold for this year. We are currently assessing roads in the Borough for next years programme and the Highways Deptl will make sure this is added to the list.

Question 3 Chesterfield Road – pavements

In the confirmed list of work to be done in 2004 /5 the pavements of this road were to be resurfaced. I informed residents in our R.A. magazine that this was happening. Nothing was done and I enquired early last year why this still hadn't been done. Other footways in other divisions have been done during past 5 years and at least 3 this year but not a single one in my division. Residents have complained via email and phone about the dangerous state of these pavements! Large established oak trees do not help!

Why was work to these pavements not carried out? And when will it now be programmed to be done – hopefully before someone has a fall and seriously hurts themselves.

Officer Response

We are still looking into your question about the footway surfacing scheme in Chesterfield Rd. This road isn't in our programme for this year.

Question 4 Hook Road Lights from Chantilly Way to Horton Lane.

In July 06 I reported 10 lights out to officer in charge of lighting for Epsom and Ewell. I have made chaser calls since then and eventually put my calls through to the Contact Centre They have a record of my calls from January 07. Every few months I've chased up why nothing has been done. I was told, "it was with the contractor" There is total darkness on this busy road. I had also informed SCC that the streetlights and bollards at the Pegasus Crossing for the Riding for the Disabled were also out. These lights were repaired shortly after an accident involving a horse. My questions are therefore:

Why did SCC fail to repair these lights?

Why did they not respond to my many calls to Contact Centre etc informing me why this was not being done?

When will work take place to repair these lights?

Lastly why is the Contractor not carrying out regular checks of our Highway lights?

Please note how distressed I am to learn that recently a horse was killed in this exact location. If these lights were operating then at least the driver may have seen the horse and possibly been able to take evasive action. i.e.-stop or slow down the car. Next time it could have been a person!

Officer Response

We have just completed repairs to the street lights in Hook Road. This work involved extensive recabling and had to be programmed with all the other outstanding street lighting maintenance works.

At the Local Committee Meeting on 3 December 2007 Informal Public questions were:

Mr Len Rees enquired about the traffic-calming scheme in Treadwell Road, as he believed they were unsatisfactory. The Officer agreed to provide Mr Rees with a written response.

Mr Barry Taylor asked what SCC was doing to relieve the long traffic jams throughout the day and evening in Ewell Village. The Officer advised that this issue in Ewell Village is currently being looked at by the Highways Department.

Mr Rob Neeman enquired about the alleyway in Cuddas Close and Salisbury Road, as he has been asking the Borough to have the security improved. C Cllr Jean Smith advised that this alleyway is in her division and she had asked EEBC for a padlock to be provided to the gate, and she will ask again. Mr Neeman asked for the area to be cleaned up on both sides, and the inside belongs to SCC and the outside EEBC. The Officer suggested that this issue is raised at a Crime & Disorder Partnership Group meeting, which involves the partnership agencies. A written response will be provided to Mr Neeman.

Mr Bill Slaughter raised the issue of the no entry signs in Chessington Road, and was advised that C Cllr Jan Mason had also raised this question [see above]. The Officer advised that the delay in the erection of these signs had been considerable and he apologised for this. He confirmed the order had been placed and they should be in place soon. The Officer asked Lynda Tarling to provide him with the e-mail address of Mr Slaughter in order that he could advise him of the installation date.

Mr Bill Slaughter, as chairman of the Stoneleigh and Auriol Resident's Association, raised the question as regards the road sign [advising drivers of the turn for the M25] on the dual carriageway by Elmwood Drive, which seemed to indicate that the turning was into Elmwood Drive, and residents of Elmwood Drive have witnessed several large lorries trying to turn in this cul-de-sac. The Officer advised that a maintenance engineer would look into this and advise Mr Slaughter and C Cllr Jean Smith.