

#### **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

# LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM & EWELL 15 September 2008

## **MEMBER QUESTIONS**

## **Question 1 C. Cllr Chris Frost**

Is it possible to install parking bays for disabled drivers outside schools? Would it involve a Traffic Order?

# Officer Response:

It is possible to install a disabled bay outside a school, however care should be taken with the position to ensure that a vehicle parked in it does not compromise safety outside the school. The bay would need a Traffic Order for it to be enforced by the Borough's Civil Enforcement Officers, although an advisory bay is possible. An advisory bay is likely to be less effective as it may be used by parents on the school run. Blue badge holders can park for up to 3 hours on a single or double yellow line as long as they are not causing an obstruction or danger to other highway users.

## Question 2 C CIIr Chris Frost

What stage has the new footway in Chalk Lane reached? When is it going to be installed?

# Officer Response:

The new footway has been designed and the County Councillor for this area has carried out some consultation with local residents. Surrey County Council's contractor Carillion is preparing an estimate for the new footway, which unfortunately was not available for this meeting. This is expected to be completed in the next few weeks, however it is likely a road closure will be required to carry out the work safely, which will increase the cost. It is planned to construct the footway in the current financial year, however this is dependent on the estimated cost.

#### Question 3 C CIIr Chris Frost

What progress has been made in ordering a baffle for the streetlight outside number 56 Rosebery Road? When will it be installed?

## Officer Response

This streetlight has been checked and if required a shield to reduce glare can be introduced in around 6 weeks subject to member funding.

## Question 4 C CIIr Chris Frost

The September edition of the Highways Bulletin mentions that the County Council is working to identify roads that are not suitable for large lorries. Given the extensive local knowledge that most Members have, are they going to be invited to contribute to this process? What is the timescale involved?

# Officer Response

Surrey's initiative of identifying roads unsuitable for large goods vehicles was originally focused around rural areas as the campaigning group LORD (Lorries Off Rural Detours) helped Surrey collect most of the information through Parish Councils. However, in order to expand the project to the entire county, we issued a press release to county newspapers and published information about the project and the incident report form on Surrey's website. In addition, the recent article in the highways bulletin was thought to be a practical way of involving council members and residents. This is an ongoing project with no immediate timescale or deadline. Additional information is available by contacting Jack Roberts in Transport for Surrey.

## Question 5 C CIIr Chris Frost

When will the signs in Chalk Lane be replaced?

## Officer Response

An order for the replacement of the signs in Chalk Lane was issued in February 2008. The work has still not been completed despite numerous requests. Carillion have made some improvements to their staffing set up for signing and road marking work recently and it is expected that the work will now be completed in October.