



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE EPSOM & EWELL
17 December 2009**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1 Mrs Carol Miller

Following previous correspondence with you on the above subject and the petition that was presented to the Local Committee for Epsom and Ewell last December I would be grateful if you could possibly submit the following questions for Highways at their next meeting on Monday 14th December, 2009:

It is understood that the Fairview development in Cuddington Avenue is not due for completion until late 2010. Could Highways please confirm what measures have been put in place to monitor HGV traffic in the area particularly in Salisbury Road? What powers does the Highways Authority (SCC) have to combat inconsiderate and dangerous driving and have those powers been used since the development started? Bearing in mind that residents in Salisbury Road have had more than their fair share of problems with HGVs in the past two years it is very noticeable that the amount of heavy goods vehicles using this road has increased enormously since the commencement of the Fairview project. I know that other residents also share my concern about another development proposed for Salisbury Road in the near future which is on a larger scale than Fairview to which the above questions would also apply.

Officer Response:

"It is usual to consider a construction traffic management plan for a site of this size and duration if a preferred route can be established. In the case of Cuddington Avenue it was deemed unfair to specify a prescribed route as it would have disadvantaged residents on the specified roads whilst others remained largely unaffected. The Council recognise there has been an increase in HGV traffic on some residential roads in the area but view this as an inevitable short term consequence of local housing development.

The Council has no powers to address perceived inconsiderate or dangerous driving as this is a Police function. However, in order to minimise traffic disruption during peak times arrangements are in place with the development site manager to prohibit deliveries during school arrival and departure times and penalties are imposed by the developer on drivers who disregard this. In addition, a County Council officer visits the site at least twice each week during peak times to ensure the arrangements are being adhered to.

Planning consent is a matter dealt with by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council and all applications are put before that Authority's Planning Committee. Surrey County Council are consultees of the Planning process and will strive to highlight any concerns there may be regarding the short and long term impact the development may have on the highway. Any representations relating to possible future

developments in the area should be made directly to the Epsom and Ewell Planning Committee at the appropriate time. "

Question 2 Mrs Diana Coman

What progress has made by the Council to get its waste contractor to accept all plastics for recycling?

Officer Response

Our waste contractor, Surrey Waste Management is reliant on finding outlets for materials that they collect. They are tasked with achieving at least 60% recycling at community recycling centres such as the one at Epsom and have been able to identify recycling outlets for a range of materials including bulky rigid plastics, plastic bottles and toner cartridges. In addition the plastic casings of electrical goods, televisions and refrigerators are recycled when these materials are sent for reprocessing.

Question 3 Mrs Diana Coman [2nd question]

What progress has the Council made in either working alone, or in partnership with other local authorities, to develop a market for all plastics so that they can be safely recycled?

Officer Response:

The county council together with district and borough councils have formed the Surrey Waste Partnership. A study has already been undertaken to identify the barriers to recycling of mixed plastics. A further project is being developed with the aim of researching end markets and the viability of developing a plastics reprocessing facility in Surrey. This project, together with a number of other proposals will be considered by the Surrey Waste Partnership in January 2010. If approved, this project would commence early in 2010.

Question 4 Mrs Diana Coman [3rd question]

Given the recent ruling over access to Veolia Environmental Services information in relation to their contract with Nottinghamshire County Council, can you confirm how much can now be revealed of the Surrey Waste Management Contract with Surrey County Council?

Officer Response

In accordance with the judgement in the case of **Veolia ES Nottinghamshire Limited v Nottinghamshire County Council (Case no Co/7514/2009)** documentation, such as the Waste Disposal Project Agreement, is required to be disclosed in unredacted form to requestors to the extent that this documentation is relevant and relates to "accounts to be audited and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to them. This is in accordance with section 15 of the Audit Commission Act 1998. The documentation can be inspected at the time of the annual audit for a limited period of 20 working days. Such period has expired.

Question 5 Mrs Diana Coman [4th question]

Can the Council confirm the outcome of their inspection of the pothole repair in Downs hill Road, which I asked to be examined back in May this year - and for the record, the date upon which the inspection took place.

Officer Response:

Ad hoc inspections of the highway were carried out on 27th and 28th April 2009 following reports of potholes. These revealed two defects; a pothole on the left side, 50 metres down from Downs Road (heading towards Ashley Road); near to the junction with Ashley, on the left heading away from the junction. Both were classified as category 3 for repair within 28 days.

A routine inspection took place on 17th September 2009 which identified: 3 potholes and 2 small carriageway repairs outside Briavals Court which were all classified as category 2a for repair within 7 days.