



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM & EWELL
7 March 2011**

MEMBER QUESTIONS

Question 1 Cllr Michael Arthur
Re: Parking and Damage to Grass Verges

Further to Cllr Jean Smith's question about parking and damage to grass verges at the December 2010 meeting and the officer response (last para.) "SCC might consider a trial scheme".

I would like to advance that as Cheam Road between High St. car park entrance road and Mongers Lane suffers from bad verge damage, that this length be worthy of consideration. Could this be considered? Incidentally, I recollect a local by-law being issued in the early 1960's dealing with this specific prohibition, if so, does this have any current relevance?

Officer Response:

This part of Cheam Road could be considered as a trial location, and the county council's parking team will consider its suitability during the review of parking controls currently underway in Epsom & Ewell. The results of the review will be reported to this committee at its meeting in June.

It is likely that any local by law dealing with this sort of prohibition would have been revoked and replaced by the Surrey Act 1985, and the unsuitability of that legislation for tackling the problem was discussed in the answer to the question from Councillor Smith.

Question 2 Cllr Michael Arthur
Re: Ewell High Street and unauthorized parking

Ewell High Street suffers from blockage from time to time and this is generally precipitated by unauthorised parking on yellow lines lower down the High Street towards the memorial gardens from the end of the limited parking box. It was suggested at an earlier local committee meeting that the problem could be ameliorated by painting white hatchings in a short triangular box at each end of the designated parking line. This was never implemented. Could this now be undertaken?

Officer Response:

The county council no longer uses white hatching to try and control parking for two reasons:

1. It is not supported by a traffic regulation order and so is easily and often abused.
2. It is an incorrect use of such markings and the Department for Transport has advised the council against such misuse.

The county council's parking team will however consider the location, and whether there is an appropriate solution, during the review of parking controls currently underway in Epsom & Ewell.