



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE IN EPSOM & EWELL
5 December 2011**

MEMBER QUESTIONS

**Question 1 Cllr Julie Morris
Re: Residents' Parking Schemes**

Please advise the correct procedure for extending Residents' Parking Schemes to other roads in and around Epsom, given that some of the current schedule of roads will not be going ahead due to lack of support for a Residents' Parking Scheme. I have again received a request to progress such a scheme in Bridge Road which I understand was too late for inclusion in the first phase. I have more recently received a request from a resident in Downs Hill Road, where the road has become single carriageway for the most part. Here there is serious congestion because of commuter parking and hazardous egress from driveways because of speeding traffic. Please also advise if the results of the borough council's consultation ten years ago will help inform future consultations for Residents' Parking Schemes.

Officer Response:

As councillors are aware the Parking Strategy and Implementation Team deal with all requests for new parking restrictions throughout the county. Any enquiries or proposals should be progressed through them, to implement as part of a parking review.

It should be noted that residents permit schemes should not be used as a method of attempting to reduce speeds on the highway. By removing commuter parking, and therefore reducing the amount of parking on the highway, it may have the affect of increasing speeds. There are other traffic management methods that may be used to reduce speeds.

Any consultation that may have been carried out in the past cannot be used to measure current requirements for a residents permit schemes - consultations should be carried out immediately prior to advertisement so that the proposals remain fresh in the mind of residents, and indeed that those residents currently reside in that area. A consultation that is ten years old will not reflect the current requirements. In that ten year period, the residents could have moved or circumstances changed and traffic / parking increased - a requirement that may not have been there ten years ago could now be needed and vice versa.

**Question 2 Cllr Ian Booker
Re: Surrey CC Plan for tackling snow on Epsom and Ewell Roads**

- a) How many gritting lorries are allocated to clearing Epsom's roads?
- b) Where do they collect their salt?
- c) Do speed bumps cause any restrictions on the use of gritting/ploughing?

Officer Response:

How many gritting lorries are allocated to clearing Epsom's roads?

Through route optimisation gritting routes are no longer contained within District and Borough boundaries. 3 routes cover the Epsom and Ewell Borough:

Godstone 4 - Epsom central, Tyrrells Wood, Headley, Brockham

Godstone 9 - Epsom Downs, Tadworth, Kingswood, Chipsted, B2032, Betchworth

Godstone 10 – Stoneleigh, Worcester Park, Ewell, West Ewell, Nork

Where do they collect their salt?

The salting route for Epsom and Ewell will be run from Godstone. In delivering the service the precautionary salting run time for each route has been reduced from 3 hours to 2 1/2 hours. Epsom and Ewell Borough Council have also received salt direct for assistance on the footways.

Do speed bumps cause any restrictions on the use of gritting/ploughing?

The gritting operation is not effected by traffic calming but ploughing can be restricted around obstructions and effect blade contact.

Question 3 Cllr Ian Booker
Re: Financial Risks

With reference to the response to Members questions (item 28/11) what financial risks are Surrey exposed to when allowing contractors to construct traffic calming measures out of tolerance?

Officer Response

Highways schemes are subject to scheme acceptance by the client (Surrey County Council). In the unlikely event of a contractor failing to deliver the agreed scheme, payments can be withheld until work is of the required standard. Similarly if the works were to fail within the guarantee period, typically one year for traffic calming, it would be appropriate for the contractor to undertake remedial measures at no cost to the client.