

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

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The following question was submitted in accordance with Standing Order 46.

Questions from Mr.Nick O'Shea

Controlled Parking Zone, Dorking

Many years ago, it was recognised by both the District and County Councils that the residents of Lincoln Road in Dorking have a serious problem with commuters parking in their street rather than using the nearby Railway station car park. They have been campaigning for some form of residents' parking scheme for over 30 years, and various ad hoc but inadequate arrangements have been made over the years, including the present restrictions for a different hour of the day on each side of the road during week days.

Four years ago, following several meetings with Mr Archer-Reeves, we and our local representative Councillor Hazel Watson were given assurances that a suitable scheme for our locality would be proposed, probably as a trial, within a year or two. Last year, instead of a small trial scheme tailored for our particular needs, we were included within the grandiose RPZ proposals covering almost the whole of Dorking, which were rejected.

On 14th April 2008, I received an email from Jon Bunny of SCC's consultants JMP, which said: "Many thanks for your letter confirming the views of the Lincoln Road Residents Association in relation to the introduction of residents parking provision. As you may be aware, following the rejection of the full CPZ proposals, JMP have been assessing a revised, smaller-scale, CPZ scheme. The area around the station, including Lincoln Road, remains within the proposal and there would appear to be considerable support for this element of the scheme.

"I will be in touch latter in the week to keep you up-to-date with developments." I have heard no further from JMP or SCC.

Could you therefore please tell me what steps are now in hand to address the undertakings we have been given in the past, and when will they be brought before this committee?

Response from Local Highways Team

A formal response will be available on the day of the Mole Valley Formal Local Committee