



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(MOLE VALLEY)**

PUBLIC WRITTEN QUESTIONS

24 SEPTEMBER 2008

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

Questions from Mr. K Nash

Re routing of 465 bus route through Fetcham Village

I would be grateful if consideration could be given to the re-routing of the above bus service via the Ridgeway, The Street, Fetcham Village and Cobham Road from its existing route which now uses Hawks Hill.

Earlier in the year I spoke to a representative from the Passenger Transport Section who appeared to be sympathetic to this idea. I pointed out the advantages of the re-routing as set out below.

1. It would provide a late evening and Sunday service to and from Fetcham Village that at present has no transport links during these periods.
2. The re-routing service would provide a much needed direct link for Pupils using Therfield School. As it would appear, in the light of the recent Education Ministers decision to limit the numbers of Fetcham pupils attending the Howard of Effingham School.
3. The service would also provide a direct link to Leatherhead Railway Station, Surbiton and Kingston.
4. It may encourage those pupils attending Oakfield Junior School and Fetcham Infant School to use the bus rather than parents using their cars to take their children to school.
5. Extra revenue would be created by the re-routing service as it would carry more passengers than it does on its present route via Hawks Hill.
6. The only stop that would not be served on the re-routing service would be the request stop at the top of The Mount. This bus stop is little used anyway and it is

only a short distance for any prospective passengers to walk to the top of The Ridgeway.

7. Extra buses would help shoppers using Leatherhead Town Centre where there is at present as serious short stay parking problem. It would therefore cut back on car use thus helping the environment.

This letter is on behalf of the above Residents Association and I would be grateful if you would consider it as a formal request. I would therefore be grateful if you could let me have an early reply, so as I can report your views back to the committee.

Response from Passenger Transport

A full response will be available on the day of the committee.