



**LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

MEMBER QUESTIONS

20 SEPTEMBER 2010

One Member Question has been received from Cllr Richard Wagner, Borough Councillor for Chipstead, Hooley and Woodmansterne (substitute for Cllr Dr Richard Olliver at this meeting):

“Since 15 August, when the Borough Council’s contract to operate the Horseshoe Car Par in Banstead ended, there have been no restrictions; all parking has been free of charge pending taking up of the task by Surrey’s selected private-enterprise contractor, APCOA. Could officers confirm that:

1. Charges at the Horseshoe will mirror those levied at the borough-operated car park off Banstead High Street, both now and throughout the period of the APCOA contract;
2. The number of permits for morning drop off and afternoon collection of pupils at the schools directly linked to the Horseshoe (offering 20 minutes parking free of charge) will be unchanged from that applied under the contract with the Borough, and could these numbers per school be set out.

Response:

“Surrey County Council (SCC) owns a car park located off The Horseshoe in Banstead. Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (RBBC) had leased the facility from the County Council but at the end of the last lease we were unable to agree a rent for a new lease. The County Council therefore tendered the car park for lease and invited RBBC to tender along with other competitors. They chose not to submit a tender.

Terms for a new lease were agreed with APCOA. RBBC were advised that the parties hoped to complete the lease on a date in August and asked them to advise SCC what lead-in time they required in order to remove their own parking equipment. The letter also said that SCC would be in touch once completion of the lease was certain. I did not hear back from RBBC and they simply removed their own equipment in August and advised SCC after the event. As it happened, the

lease to APCOA was delayed and this has meant that there is a period of circa 6 weeks with no parking enforcement for the said car park.

The new lease is about to complete and each of the three schools linked to the Horseshoe have been allocated 20 free permits each for parents. The number of permits offered has reduced for a variety of reasons:

1. Lack of information forthcoming from RBBC as to the number of permits it offered
2. To encourage more parents to walk children to school
3. To support this Council's own income strategy and targets

The County Council has not interfered with the proposed level of charges being implemented by APCOA. This is an arm's length transaction, however APCOA will need to be competitive with other car parks in the area."

Clare Neave, Estates Planning and Management, 16 September 2010

NOTES:

- (i) Surrey County Council's constitution, (Standing Order 46) requires that questions be sent in writing to the Local Committee and Partnership Officer by 12 noon, four working days before the meeting.
- (ii) At the discretion of the Chairman, a Member who has given notice of a question may ask one supplementary question relevant to the subject of the original.