



## **MEMBER'S QUESTIONS**

**28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2005**

### **Question from Councillor Moira James**

#### **New Haw Road, New Haw**

Aware of concerns of local residents on the safety record and issues as regards New Haw Road, New Haw, within my Division, I should like to ask for an indication of any practical measures proposed or in place to improve the situation.

### **Answer from Runnymede Local Transportation Service**

The Runnymede Accident Working Group (AWG) is overseeing the introduction of two Vehicles Activated Signs (VASs) on New Haw Road, and the installation of anti-skid surfacing at the junction with Moat Farm Drive. The AWG comprises representatives of Surrey County Council and Surrey Police. For their part Surrey Police have designated New Haw Road as a "red road". This means that New Haw Road is at the highest possible priority level for speed enforcement.

The VASs are due to be installed before the end of the financial year, although this will depend on provision of an electrical connection. The effect of these signs will be monitored carefully. If they are successful in reducing average traffic speeds, then it is highly likely that the number and severity of accidents will also reduce. However if the new VASs are not successful in reducing average vehicle speeds and the pattern of accidents persists, then Surrey County Council will consider further measures.

A feasibility report into provision of a new cycleway between Addlestone and New Haw is due to be reported to a future meeting of the Local Committee for Runnymede. As part of the process of conducting the necessary feasibility study and consultation for this scheme, safety improvements for pedestrians as well as cyclists will be identified and considered.

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It is important to note that the dashed white lines on either side of New Haw Road are not advisory cycle lanes. These lines were installed as a psychological traffic calming measure: they are intended to make the road space seem narrower to drivers, encouraging drivers to take more care when travelling along the route.

Nick Healey  
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