



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS' QUESTIONS
June 2nd 2006**

1. Question from Mr Ray Lowther

"In Guildford Street Chertsey, one of the parking bays outside the carpet shop has a sign indicating that it is for unloading goods between 10am and 12 o'clock on Thursdays. Traders in the vicinity claim that this gives insufficient time - too restrictive - for the delivery of their stock and does not afford the opportunity for loading sales. Can this be investigated and the nearby tradesmen given full information on the outcome, following relevant consultation with them?"

Response from Local Transportation Team

The current restrictions in Guildford Street try to strike a balance between encouraging trade by maximising short term parking, permitting servicing of the businesses and ensuring that the road does not become impassable by parked vehicles.

There are a number of parking bays where parking is signed as restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes, with no return for 30 minutes (between 0800-1800hrs Monday to Friday). Loading is permitted in these bays at anytime. Two of these bays preclude parking on Thursday mornings between 0800-1300hrs, to keep the bay free for loading. The drawback is that it prevents shopper parking during this period, a frequent concern amongst all traders.

The traders will be contacted and asked what, if any alterations would be beneficial. If there is an agreed consensus amongst those affected, any alterations will be considered at the next joint meeting of the DPE Joint Member Working Group and reported back to this Committee as appropriate.