



LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS 5th OCTOBER 2007

1. Question from Mr Adrian Skelt, of Egham Residents' Association

"With the planned closure of the Lyne Lyne civic amenity/waste site from November 2007 to May 2008, can Surrey County Council advise whether they are prepared to offer Runnymede residents alternative, temporary rubbish/green waste disposal options in the meantime (& especially over the busy Christmas period)? In this regard, & to avoid increased fly-tipping in the Borough & inconvenient journeys for residents to the nearest sites at Sunbury or Woking, we would suggest that SCC consider the provision of temporary skips or other facilities within the existing Lyne Lane site (e.g. on existing land just inside the gates on the right?)."

Answer from Surrey County Council's waste contract manager:

The refurbishment of the Lyne Lane site has been delayed slightly and therefore the site will not now close until 9 January 2008. This will allow residents to use the site over the busy Christmas period.

The council's contractor, Surrey Waste Management, is currently investigating whether it would be possible to provide some temporary facilities during the refurbishment.

The main issue with the provision of a temporary facility is not so much the availability of land but the need to ensure that the operation meets the requirements of the regulatory authorities (Waste Planning Authority and the Environment Agency).

A programme to publicise the temporary closure and refurbishment of the Lyne Lane site will commence at the beginning of November 2007. This will include information on the alternative facilities and any temporary facilities if these can be provided.

2. Question from Mr Victor Miles of Drill Hall Road

"The residents of Drill Hall Road would like to know when they can expect the gullies in that road to be cleaned and flushed through?"

Answer from Surrey County Council's Local Highways manager:

All gullies in Surrey should be cleansed at least once per annum. On occasions problems are experienced with access due to parked vehicles. When this occurs there are a minimum of two sites visits to try and complete the works.

At difficult locations, the County Council works closely with Runnymede Borough Council to coordinate our activities and maximise opportunities for access. This includes advance notice for residents, where we request cars are not parked for a specific period.

If a road is known to suffer from frequently blocked gullies (due to soil run off or other reasons), the intention is to cleanse them at least twice per annum. Drill Hall Road is included among these sites.

The gullies in Drill Hall Road will next be visited by 12 October 2007. They are programmed for a second cleanse in early January 2008. The road was last visited on the 17 January 2007.

3. Question from Mr Malcolm Loveday of the Chertsey Society

"At the instructions of Surrey County Council a mature Horse Chestnut tree was recently cut down on the corner of Abbey Garden/Colonels Lane Chertsey. Although we recognise that SCC has statutory powers to fell trees on the highway verge, nevertheless this fine tree has been part of the street scene for more than three generations and is within the conservation area, we are of the opinion that local residents and the Chertsey Society should have been notified in advance. Although the tree showed some signs of die-back like most other horse chestnuts, it can be seen from the attached photos of the cut trunk that it appeared to be healthy.

1. Could we please see a copy of the arboriculturist's report that justified the tree being felled?
2. What plans are being made to remove the tree stump? (bearing in mind that the site is a scheduled ancient monument and any disturbance below the ground

should be undertaken with the supervision of an archaeologist approved by English Heritage).

3. What plans are being made to tidy up the corner and to replant a replacement tree?

4. Are there any other plans for SCC to fell any more trees in the Conservation Area in Chertsey?"

Response from

A number of concerns were raised by the general public to the County Council about the state of this tree. Following a visual inspection by a Community Highway Officer, the County Arboriculturalist was instructed to undertake a formal inspection. In his professional opinion the tree required felling. A copy of the formal report is attached. The Chertsey Society and local residents were not notified in advance as the works were recommended for safety reasons rather than as part of any street scene improvement.

We do not intend to remove the stump, it will be left to naturally decay and hopefully provide a haven for stag beetle larvae. For this reason it is not intended to replant a tree and the area will be left so the shrubs, which needed to be cut back for access, can re-establish themselves.

At this time there are no trees identified in need of felling within the Chertsey Conservation area.

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| STANDARD REPORT | Inspector/s: Pieter Ross | Transportation Arborist Report |  |
| Date: 22/04/07 | Defect Quality: Poor | | |
| Tree Location to Highway: 1m from road, next to electric sub-station | | Ref: 313 | 90104677 |
| Address or Co-ordinate: Corner of Colonels Lane and Abbey Gardens. Chertsev. | | District: Runnymede | |
| Justification for Inspection: "Multi trunk distressed Horse Chestnut, can some of it be retained or all | | | |

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| Species: Horse Chestnut | | Vitality: In decline | | | | |
| Crown Spread | North 12 | South | East 12 | West 12 | Height (m) | Trunk Dia (mm) 2200 |

This report is the summary of a visual inspection carried out from ground level.

Notes/Comments:

- Three of the 5 stems have bark peeling off and some degree of decay.
- A large stem over the electric substation shows significant defects (bark peeling and decay) but cannot be removed in isolation due to its attachment to the base of the tree.
- Dead bark is found spreading from ground level to 2m high and 3.6m wide on the trunk.

Influencing Site Factors: The tree is in close proximity to an electric sub-station.

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| Boundary Overhang: 1 | Public Safety / Law & Order: 3 | Frequency Of Use: 1 | Target Priority: 5 4 3 2 1 | See Professional Tree Inspection Indication | Significance Of Failure: 20 |
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Recommendations/Works:

- Fell



main stem
bark peeling at the stem unions

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| Operator Required For Works: | Response Time: Arb |
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| Date Sent: | Sent To: | Sent By: P.Truluck | Re-inspection Frequency: 7 |
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