

## **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at Spelthorne Borough Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines.**

### **County Council Members:**

**Mrs Denise Turner-Stewart (Chairman)\***  
**Mr Victor Agarwal\***  
**Mr Ian Beardsmore\***  
**Mrs Carol Coleman\***  
**Mrs Caroline Nichols\***  
**Mrs Denise Saliagopoulos\***  
**Mr Richard Walsh\***

### **Borough Council Members:**

**Councillor Penny Forbes-Forsyth\***  
**Councillor Vivienne Leighton\***  
**Councillor Isobel Napper\***  
**Councillor Joanne Sexton\***  
**Councillor Richard Smith-Ainsley\***  
**Councillor Robert Watts\***  
**Councillor Suzy Webb\***

**\* = present**

(All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting)

#### **26/11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN (Item 1)**

It was noted that SCC had appointed Denise Turner-Stewart and Richard Walsh as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively for the ensuing municipal year.

#### **27/11 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS OF SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO THE LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING MUNICIPAL YEAR (Item 2)**

It was noted that the SCC Chief Executive had appointed Councillors Forbes-Forsyth, Leighton, Napper, Sexton, Smith-Ainsley, Watts and Webb as Members of the Local Committee and Councillors Ayers, Bannister, Francis, Friday, Patel, Pinkerton and Patterson as Substitute members.

The Chairman welcomed the Members present to the meeting.

#### **28/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (ITEM 3)**

No apologies for absence were received.

- 27/11 MINUTES (ITEM 4)**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 28/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ITEM 5)**  
Mr Walsh declared an interest as a member of the Rotary Club in respect of item 18 (xii).
- 29/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (ITEM 6)**  
The Chairman announced that there would be a special meeting of the Local Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> September to consider the report with proposals for on street parking in Spelthorne.
- 30/11 PETITIONS (ITEM 7)**  
One petition signed by xx residents was received and presented by Mrs Sally Dick requesting a vehicle activated sign on Church Road, Shepperton.  
**Resolved:**  
(i) That the petition be received  
(ii) A report be submitted to the 10<sup>th</sup> October meeting of the Local Committee on this issue.
- 31/11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (ITEM 8)**  
Seven Member questions were received and the answers are as set out in Annex 1 to these minutes.  
**Resolved:**  
The Community Partnership and Committee Officer explore the possibility of recording the questions and answers session and the supplementary questions and answers being recorded in the minutes.
- 32/11 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (ITEM 9)**  
Five public questions were received and the answers are as set out in Annex 1 to these minutes.
- 33/11 LOCAL COMMITTEE PROTOCOL (ITEM 10)**  
**Resolved:**  
The Protocol set out in Appendix A be approved.
- 34/11 PARKING REVIEW (ITEM 11)**  
The Chairman welcomed Jack Roberts, Engineer, to the meeting who presented the report. There was a discussion about the proposals. Mr Walsh asked it be minuted that in view of other issues being discussed there be a review of the proposed length of lines on the studios estate. Concerns were expressed about the process of agreeing final proposals after public consultation without further recourse to the Local Committee.  
**Resolved:**

- (i) The proposed amendments to on-street parking restrictions in Spelthorne as described in the report and shown in detail on drawings presented at the Committee meeting as Annex A be agreed.
- (ii) The Local Committee allocate funding as detailed in paragraph 6.1 of the report to proceed with the introduction of the parking amendments.
- (iii) The intention of the County Council to make an Order under the relevant parts of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to impose the waiting and on street parking restrictions in Spelthorne as shown on the drawings in Annex A be advertised and that if no objections be maintained, the Orders be made.

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**MAY GURNEY PRESENTATION (ITEM 12)**

The Chairman welcomed Mark Boland, Project and Contracts Group manager (SCC) and Rob Semaganda, General Manager for the Highways Contract to the meeting who gave a presentation about the contract with May Gurney. Members had the opportunity asked questions and requested that the PowerPoint presentation be circulated to all Members.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Chairman should write to the Cabinet member for Transport about the need for better co –ordination between highways and utilities works which it was understood was currently an issue being discussed nationally
- (ii) May Gurney should report on progress with the new contract to the Local Committee within a year.

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**HIGHWAYS SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT (ITEM 13)****Resolved:**

- (i) To note the report
- (ii) The Area Highway Manager would speak to the Members who had further queries on the information provided.

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**COMMUNITY PRIDE FUND (ITEM 14) .****Resolved:**

- (i) Funding be devolved to each County Councillor based on an equitable allocation of £5,000 per division
- (ii) Individual Members allocate their funding based on the indicative principles detailed in Annex 1.

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**ANNUAL REVIEW OF MONITORING APPLICATIONS FOR GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCES (ITEM 15)**

The author of the report was unable to attend the meeting and undertook to respond to Members with any queries raised at the meeting of which there were several raised by Mrs Coleman.

**Resolved:**

To note

- (i) There was an established system in place for notifying and consulting members of applications in their Divisions.
- (ii) Training for Members was carried out in September and November 2009 and was made available to all County Councillors.
- (iii) The contents of the Annual Information report; and
- (iv) Agreed a further report be submitted to the informal meeting of the Local Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> September with the further information requested.

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**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES (ITEM 16)****Resolved:**

- (i) The Chairman be appointed to the LSP/Spelthorne Together and the Vice Chairman as Deputy in her absence.
- (ii) The Chairman be appointed to the Community Safety Partnership/Safer Stronger Spelthorne Partnership and the Vice Chairman as Deputy in her absence.
- (iii) Mr Beardsmore be appointed to the Housing Infrastructure and Environment Themed Group.
- (iv) Mrs Saliagopoulos be appointed to the Economic Development Themed Group.
- (v) Mrs Nichols be re-appointed to the Health and Social Well Being Partnership.
- (vi) Mr Walsh be appointed to the Spelthorne and Young People Partnership.
- (vii) The On Street Parking Partnership be reconstituted with the following terms of reference "To enable the County and Borough to (i) make representation on any issues with regard to waiting and loading restrictions to the Local Committee (ii) to make recommendations to the Local Committee on the way forward on Controlled Parking Zones and (iii) keep under review the agreement with the Borough Council as required.
- (viii) Mrs Saliagopoulos and Mrs Coleman be appointed as the County Council Members and Councillors Evans and Napper be appointed as the Borough Council members on the On Street Parking Partnership.
- (ix) A Youth Task Group be established to assist and advise the Local Committee in relation to youth issues and the future delivery of Youth Provision locally. The Task Group would have no formal decision making powers and will (a) unless otherwise agreed meet in private (b) develop a work programme (c) record actions and (d) report back to the Local Committee. Officers supporting the Task Group would consult the Group and would give due consideration to the Group's reasoning and recommendations prior to the officer writing the report to the Local Committee. The Task Group could and should it so wish, respond to an officer report and submit its own

report to the Local Committee. The Task Group's terms of reference and Membership would be reviewed and agreed by the Local Committee annually.

- (x) Agreed that the Youth Task Group would have four appointees from the Local Committee, two from the County and two from the Borough namely, Mr Beardsmore, Mr Walsh and Councillors Forbes-Forsyth and Sexton; four members of the Local Strategic Partnership and up to four young people. All members of the Task Group would have equal status and may consult with other relevant members of the Local Committee.

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### **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (ITEM 17)**

The Chairman welcomed Tim Kita Head of Community Safety for Spelthorne Borough Council who presented the report.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) To agree that the community safety funding (£2,500) delegated to the Local Committee be transferred to Spelthorne Safer and Stronger Partnership.
- (ii) The budget of £12,000 which was ring-fenced for the use of the Community Safety Partnership subject to domestic abuse outreach being provided, be paid to the Surrey Community Safety Unit, which now managed and administered the funding to the domestic abuse outreach providers for Spelthorne.
- (iii) Received and noted the 2011 – 2014 Partnership Plan
- (iv) Received and noted the details off the Action Plans 2010 – 2013.

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### **MEMBERS' FUNDS (ITEM 18)**

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) Agreed the criteria and guidance for the use of Members' Funds for this year (Appendix A) and that this criteria will remain in place until the first formal meeting of the next municipal year unless there are proposed changes following a wider corporate review of Members' funds.
- (ii) Agreed that the capital allocation of £35,000 is divided equally between Members.
- (iii) Approved the use of delegated authority (for both revenue and capital allocations) to the Community Partnership Manager (and the Community Partnerships Team Leader – East after Council give this approval) in consultation with the Chairman (or Vice Chairman if the Chairman's monies are being proposed for spend).
- (iv) Noted the distribution of funds in the financial year 2010/11.
- (v) Noted that funding of £200 awarded to Surrey Police in 2009/10 has been withdrawn and returned to Ms Turner-Stewart's allocation.

- (vi) Noted that funding of £1000 awarded to Surrey Fire and Rescue in 2010/11 has been withdrawn and returned to Mrs Coleman's allocation.
- (vii) Noted that funding of £1000 awarded to Spelthorne Council has been withdrawn and returned to Ms Turner-Stewart's allocation.
- (viii) Noted funding agreed under delegated authority since the last Local Committee as set out in paras 1.8 – 1.22.
- (ix) Approved £2,000 for SATRO fun Maths for Primary Schools to be funded from Mrs Coleman's allocation.
- (x) Approved £1540 from Mrs Coleman's, £250 from Mr Walsh's, £125 from Mrs Saliagopoulos', £1,000 from Mr Beardsmore's, £250 from Mr Agarwal, £500 from Mrs Nichols and £125 from Ms Turner-Stewart's allocations towards the KeepOut the Crime Diversion Scheme.
- (xi) Approved £1892 for Spelthorne Surestart Children's Centre towards accident prevention in the home from Mrs Coleman's allocation.
- (xii) Approved £275 for The Rotary Club of Ashford towards illustrated Dictionaries to Year 5 pupils in Ashford and Stanwell Schools from Mrs Coleman's allocation.
- (xiii) Approved £275 for the Rotary Club Approved funding of £450 from Mrs Coleman's and £450 from Mr Beardsmore's allocations to Surrey Search and Rescue
- (xiv) Approved £2,626 from Ms Turner-Stewart's allocation for Summer hanging baskets in Staines South/Ashford West.
- (xv) Approved f £2,500 for St Nicholas C of E Primary School towards CCTV cameras from Mr Walsh's capital allocation.
- (xvi) Approved £2,000 for an access ramp at St Peter's Church to be funded from Mrs Saliagopoulos' capital allocation.

**42/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (ITEM 19)**

To be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the Council Chamber, Spelthorne Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines at 7pm.

The meeting, which commenced at 7.00pm, ended at 10.20pm pm the 10pm guillotine having been lifted with the Local Committee's agreement.

Chairman.....

**ANNEX 1**

**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE  
11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011**

**AGENDA ITEM 8**

**MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

**Mrs Coleman asked the following question:**

What is the classification of Walton Lane, Shepperton? Is it an unadopted road? How many residences are in Walton Lane, and what is the length of the lane? Has it ever been the subject of a petition to local committee? If so, when, and what was the outcome? Has there ever been any report to local committee about HGV in Walton Lane, if so, when and what were any agreed recommendations? Have any surveys ever been done on HGV use in Walton Lane, and if so, what were the results? Please provide the same information for Feltham Road in Ashford.

**The Area Highway Manager gave the following answer:**

**What is the classification of Walton Lane, Shepperton? Is it an unadopted road?**

Walton Lane is classified as the B376 and is adopted as public highway with a one way system and traffic calming throughout most of its length.

**How many residences are in Walton Lane, and what is the length of the lane?**

Walton Lane is approximately 700m long with approximately 80 properties (including Dunally Park and Sherbourne Gardens)

**Has it ever been the subject of a petition to Local Committee? If so, when, and what was the outcome?**

A petition was presented to the Local Committee meeting of 12/07/10 by a resident of Walton Lane Mr Hugh Shelmerdine with 42 signatures. The Local Highway Manager reported that there was no funding for new schemes for that financial year but the request would be included on the list for consideration in the future.

**Has there ever been any report to Local Committee about HGV's in Walton Lane, if so, when and what were any agreed recommendations?**

It is anticipated that a report will be submitted to the 10/10/11 Local Committee for the Walton Lane HGV ban.

**Have any surveys ever been done on HGV use in Walton Lane, and if so, what were the results?**

No official surveys have been carried out in Walton Lane to date. Several site visits with residents and Local Borough Councillor (Robin Sider) have been carried out to observe HGV movements and associated structural and safety problems. It is anticipated that formal data will be collected over the coming months in preparation for the report to Local Committee.

**Please provide the same information for Feltham Road in Ashford :-**

**What is the classification of Feltham Road, Ashford? Is it an unadopted road?**

Feltham Road is classified as the B377 and is adopted as part of the Public Highway.

**How many residences are in Feltham Road, and what is the length of the Road?**

Feltham Road is approximately 1115m up to the County boundary with approximately 355 properties.

**Has it ever been the subject of a petition to Local Committee? If so, when, and what was the outcome?**

A petition was presented to the Local Committee meeting on the 17/03/08 signed by 268 residents. The Local Highways Manager agreed to investigate the matter and report back to the Local Committee.

**Has there ever been any report to Local Committee about HGV's in Feltham Road, if so, when and what were any agreed recommendations?**

A report was presented to the Local Committee meeting on 30/06/08. The Local Committee agreed to make a Traffic Regulation Order for the HGV ban on Feltham Road. A further report (Local Allocation 2009/10 Capital Funding Review) was then presented to the Local Committee meeting on 20/07/09 recommending that the Feltham Road HGV restriction is withdrawn from the scheme programme due to lack of support from Hounslow who felt that the proposal was unlikely to succeed. It was agreed that priority should be given to pursuing the restriction on Clockhouse Lane instead and this is still being pursued with the assistance of Kwasi Kwateng MP. An update report will be given to the next Committee.

**Have any surveys ever been done on HGV use in Feltham Road, and if so, what were the results?**



Officers in post have no record of surveys being undertaken. A quote is currently being sought for HGV surveys to be undertaken at key locations in the Borough, including Clockhouse Lane and Feltham Rd.

**Mrs Coleman asked the following question:**

What were the amounts of any highways allocations to the Spelthorne Local Committee for the years 2009/10 and 2010/11, including revenue, capital and any additional funds? How did Members agree to allocate this funding, what did they agree to spend it on, and how was it agreed to be divided between divisions? How was the funding eventually spent, how much of it was spent, and on what and where (including division), and what will happen to any unspent funding?

**The Area Highway Manager gave the following answer:**

Having considered the request above there is insufficient officer resource be able to provide the level of detail requested and much of the detail requested should be available in previous committee papers/minutes. The table below is provided by the Finance section of SCC and gives an overview of Local Committee funding for Highways in 2009/10 and 2010/11.

Activity	Year	Budget £	Actual £	Variance £
Revenue	2009/10	100,000	96,229	-3,771
	2010/11	100,000	105,585	5,585
Capital	2009/10	472,800	442,407	-30,393
	2010/11	90,033	41,475	-48,558

In 2010/11 funding appears to have originally been split by County Member, Members were then asked for their preferred scheme(s). Further to this list being submitted to the then Local Highways Manager a list of schemes was agreed in consultation with the Committee Chair. The under spend in 2010/11 is in part due to the carryover of payment for two schemes early in to the new FY, specifically Bedfont Rd and Sunbury Cross junction markings.

Detail of the 2011/12 Programme can be found in item 13. Funding has been allocated on the basis of discussion of an historic running list and new scheme requests at a Members Workshop (29<sup>th</sup> March). It is envisaged that during the autumn a revised running list can be generated in liaison with Members.

**Mr Agarwal asked the following question:**

What will be the consequence on Surrey County Council's education budget due to grants being made available to set up academies in Spelthorne and across the county. How much is being set aside to fund academies in Spelthorne and across the county?

**The Strategic Director for Children and Families gave the following answer:**

When an academy is established the Department for Education (DfE) makes deductions from Surrey's funding as follows:

- the budget share which the school would have received as a Surrey local authority (LA) maintained school - with a few minor exceptions, mainly funding for statemented pupils, which is still paid directly by the authority. This deduction does not incur any additional cost for the authority because the budget, funded by Dedicated Schools Grant, would have been paid to the school anyway;
- a share of the funding for certain centrally managed Schools Budget services, funded by Dedicated Schools Grant. This is an additional pressure on LA services. Centrally managed budgets will need to be reduced in order to fund this part of the DfE deduction. Academies will need to provide those services themselves or buy them from the local authority or elsewhere. The main budgets involved are behaviour support services and devolved practical and applied learning funding. The share of this funding deducted by the DfE (and the additional funding received by academies) is based on pupil numbers, with no reference to pupil need. This means that large schools with low levels of need will take a disproportionately high share of the budget and this could put services to high need schools at risk.
- additional funding for other LA services which they have to provide themselves which are provided free of charge to other schools by the LA but which are not in the Schools Budget and not funded from Dedicated Schools Grant. Examples of such services are education welfare and school improvement services. In 2011/12 the DfE has funded these additional allocations to academies by top-slicing the funding of all local authorities to create a funding pot for the Academies programme. This ensures no further in-year adjustments are required as schools convert. Surrey lost £2.576m in 2011/12 from the top-slice and is due to lose a further £2m in 2012/13. The DfE is currently facing a Judicial Review from a number of local authorities regarding the calculation of this top-slice.

Academies also receive additional funding from the DfE for SEN support services and for admissions. At present no deduction is made from LA funding for these, which means that DfE is double funding academies. The DfE has recognised that this is not a sustainable situation and is to review the funding of academies.

The DfE is in the process of developing proposals for funding academies in 2012/13 and therefore it is not yet clear what the impact of academy conversion will be on LA funds in 2012/13

We estimate that the funding loss to the LA in 2011/12 of the two known Spelthorne conversions will be as follows:

- Budget share (Sunbury Manor 12 months and Thomas Knyvett 9 months) £7.324m

- Share of centrally managed Schools Budget services (Sunbury Manor 12 months and Thomas Knyvett 9 months) £0.062m
- Total deduction expected in 2011/12 for these two schools £7.386m.

The estimated loss of Dedicated Schools Grant funding for the council in 2011/12 for the schools which have already converted to academies or which are currently expected to convert on July 1 is £29.1m (made up of budget share £28.8m and central services £0.3m). But we expect the cost to be higher by the end of the year as we understand that several other schools expect to convert. These totals exclude the £2.576m which Surrey has had to contribute to the DfE's Academies programme, as described above.

Inevitably the authority also incurs additional costs when schools convert to academies for legal, property and financial issues related to the transfer of land and the closure of bank accounts etc.

**Mrs Coleman asked the following question:**

Could members please be updated on the situation with Clockhouse Lane, Ashford? There are two issues with this location, the first is the 7.5t lorry ban in the northbound direction, and the second is the shared footbridge/cycle bridge over the railway. I understand from another councillor, that an officer from Surrey County Council had a meeting with Surrey Police regarding enforcement of the current 7.5t lorry ban in force in Clockhouse Lane. It is usual for the local member to be informed of issues relevant to their division, and so why in this case was the divisional member (me) not informed by the officer, but instead a councillor from another division informed? Has the officer/member protocol been changed? Could members please be updated on what the officer/member protocol is with regards to divisional issues?

**The Area Highway Manager gave the following answer:**

Clockhouse Lane Update

HGV issues -

Members will recall there is a Northbound HGV ban in place, there is however no ban in place Southbound. Surrey County Council are clear in their aspiration for the ban to be in both directions. Likewise the Police feel uncomfortable enforcing a restriction in only one direction, legally they are able to, operationally it is considered that this is difficult to justify as offenders could easily argue inconsistency and confusion. At this point in time Hounslow remain opposed to a 24hr restriction southbound, they do however, as per a meeting between Hounslow BC and Spelthorne Local Committee 14th October 2010, consider that a night time restriction might be appropriate and have asked Surrey County Council to provide data to evidence the current problem. To move things forward data will be collected (subject to approval of the Chair and Vice Chair) to identify whether Surrey County Council should continue to press for a 24hr restriction. The main issue being that if there isn't a HGV problem overnight it could be argued that it would be of minimal

benefit locally to implement a night time restriction alone. If a night time ban was agreed Southbound there would clearly still be disparity between what is in place Northbound.

It is anticipated that a report will be presented to the next formal Committee on HGV issues in Clockhouse Lane and Feltham Rd, including a proposed way forward. At this point in time both Surrey Police and Surrey County Council officers are still pursuing a 24hr restriction in Clockhouse Lane Southbound as it is considered that this would be the most effective measure and bring the best benefit for the funding required.

Further to this being of high local profile, Kwasi Kwartang MP is also getting involved to assist in pushing the issues forward.

Clockhouse Lane Footbridge Update -

An update has been requested from Hounslow BC and we are currently awaiting response, this will be copied to all Committee Members once received. The latest position received in April was that the ecological survey and topographical survey were due for completion by end May. Ground surveys were scheduled and following this work design options would be pursued with a view to completion by September.

**Mrs Nichols asked the following question:**

CHARLTON 'ECOPARK'

SITA's application for a waste processing plant in the Green Belt at Charlton was approved by Surrey CC on 30<sup>th</sup> June despite widespread objections from the local community and Spelthorne Borough Council. I understand that, in accordance with statutory code, Spelthorne Borough Council has referred the decision to the Secretary of State for review.

Bearing in mind that the Spelthorne Local Committee last year raised a number of fundamental concerns about the suitability of SITA's plans for Charlton, is there anything the Committee can do to convey our concerns to the Secretary of State in support of the Borough's formal objection?

**The Head of Legal and Democratic Services gave the following answer:**

The Planning and Regulatory Committee of SCC has decided that it intends to grant the planning application for the Eco Park and SCC has therefore referred the application to the Secretary of State to be considered as departure from the provisions of the Development Plan. It is for the Secretary of State to review the decision and decide whether or not to call in the application for public inquiry and final determination by the Secretary of State.

In referring the application to the Secretary of State the Council must submit all the representations it has received, including objections. The Secretary of State will have these available when deciding whether or not to call in the

application. The Secretary of State initially has 21 days to decide whether or not to call in the application. This can be extended by the Secretary of State, but if it is not, planning permission can be granted by SCC at the end of that period or (if earlier) when the Secretary of State advises SCC that no involvement is necessary.

If the Secretary of State decides to call in the application it will be considered at a public inquiry, led by a planning inspector who will then make recommendations to the Secretary of State, who would consider the inspector's report and recommendation and decides whether or not to allow the application.

**Mrs Nichols asked the following question:**

A244 Upper Halliford Road and Gaston Bridge Road

The A244 is a dangerous road with numerous accidents including fatalities over the years. Two safety measures have been promised but action is outstanding:

A complicated system of white lines designed to delineate a cycle path which was introduced several years ago is almost obliterated. Residents (and the County Councillor for the Division) have on several occasions over the past three years received, in writing, promised implementation dates for repainting but nothing has happened. Why is this and what can be done to raise the level of urgency on this matter?

**The Area Highway Manager gave the following answer:**

This issue will be raised with the new contractor and progress reported back to the Local Member.

**Mrs Nichols asked the following question:**

There is a need for a pedestrian crossing on the Upper Halliford Road near the park. It can take residents many minutes to cross the road to reach bus stops when the traffic is free flowing at 40mph or more. Two years ago the road was assessed and the project placed very high on the ranking of new projects to be undertaken if money became available ( I believe the project was not lower than eighth on the list and it may have been higher). At that time Surrey was managing up to two new safety projects a year but would commit to more if, for example, section 106 money became available. I asked for an update on this project earlier this year; Highways seemed to have no knowledge if it but agreed to look into it. For the benefit of residents in Upper Halliford please could we have a progress report.

**The Area Highway Manager gave the following answer:**

Officers are unaware of any feasibility or design work being undertaken for this scheme in the past. The 2011/12 Programme does include funding to

investigate the scope for a crossing facility in the vicinity of Project Park / Vincent Drive.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9**

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

#### **Mr McLuskey asked the following question:**

'In the light of the recent Inspector's report supporting the County Minerals Plan what action does the Committee propose to take to stop two brand new gravel sites being added to the three already operating in Stanwell and Stanwell Moor?'

#### **The Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Manager gave the following answer:**

The SCC Cabinet on 21 June recommended that the County Council adopt the Primary Aggregates Development Plan Document (DPD) at its meeting on 19 July. The Primary Aggregates DPD, part of the Minerals Plan, includes preferred areas for extraction of concreting aggregate at Homers Farm, Bedfont and King George VI Reservoir, Stanwell. The Primary Aggregates DPD has been through due process and found to be 'sound' after public examination conducted by an independent Planning Inspector.

Both these sites are already allocated for mineral working in the statutory development plan, the Surrey Minerals Local Plan 1993, which will be superseded by the new Minerals Plan when adopted. The sites were re-assessed and re-affirmed by the County Council through the review process. The questioner made his case against these sites through submissions and at the hearings conducted by the Planning Inspector. The Inspector's report confirms that these sites should be included in the Plan.

The Local Committee has not previously objected to the allocation of these sites in the new Minerals Plan. It would not be appropriate or effective at this very last stage after public examination and Cabinet recommendation for it do so now. The only alternatives available to the County Council at this stage are adoption or non-adoption of the Primary Aggregates DPD - selective deletion of sites contrary to the Inspector's report is not an option. Non-adoption would have little effect in respect of these sites, as the 1993 Plan would then continue to apply. Planning permission would be required before mineral working of these sites could commence.

#### **Councillor Sider asked the following question:**

Can the Area Highway Manager inform me why, after more than two years, we are still waiting for the implementation of double yellow lines at the junction

of High Street and Mere Road, Shepperton, such request having initially been agreed when I was a member of the Local Committee, and then subsequently missed off the highways programme last year. And can the Area Highway Manager assure me that when such requests are agreed by the Local Committee, that they are duly recorded and a timetable for implementation made known to Ward Members.

**The Area Highway Manager gave the following answer:**

Restrictions for Mere Road, Shepperton were approved by committee in April 2009 as part of 30 proposed amendments to Spelthorne, which were submitted by the local highways team. These proposals were known at the time as the 'Spelthorne 5th Amendment'.

However, no funding was ever allocated to advertise and implement these restrictions. Therefore, when we (The Parking Team) carried out our first review of Spelthorne, we had to reassess these requests to make sure they were still required and that circumstances had not changed. Also, we had to draw up the proposals from scratch as the ones agreed in April 2009 were displayed as a basic table of text, with no specific details in terms of where restrictions would start and end.

As part of this Spelthorne Parking Review being presented in July 2011, we are requesting funding to advertise and implement these previously agreed amendments, in addition to all the new locations that we have reviewed. It is proposed to provide double yellow on Mere Road's junctions with High Street and Burchetts Way, also to double yellow line one side of Mere Road to prevent parking on both sides, which the road is too narrow to safely accommodate.

Should approval and funding be allocated, these restrictions would be advertised in Autumn/Winter 2011 with installation on the ground in Spring 2012.

**Mr John Seaman asked the following question:**

Surrey County Council has purchased land north of Charlton Lane, Shepperton and east of the Waste Transfer Station for public amenity and access.

How will this public amenity and right of access be protected and conserved?

For how long will that protection and right of public access last?

Can this protection and right of public access be revoked and if so who has that authority?

**The Waste Contract and Infrastructure Team Manager  
Waste & Sustainability Service gave the following answer:**

The land to the east and north of Charlton Lane Waste Transfer Station, which is currently in the ownership of Surrey County Council (SCC) will

continue to be managed by SCC as agricultural grassland. The existing footpath will also be continued to be maintained by SCC.

Should planning consent be granted for the proposed Ecopark, part of this land would be leased to SITA to create a landscaped area. The landscaping scheme would include creation of a new public right of way between the existing footpath and Charlton Lane.

The landscaped area would continue to be maintained by SITA for the duration of their lease and thereafter maintenance would continue to be undertaken by SCC or a contractor operating under a lease from SCC.

Both the use of land and the existing and proposed new public rights of way are protected by law and could only be altered or extinguished through a proper legal process

**Mr Herring asked the following question:**

The Spelthorne Borough Council (Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles) Order came into operation on 5th February 1987 and applied to Stanwell Road, Church Road and Clockhouse Lane. Only the later is distinguished by the fact that the County Council could not fully exercise the powers under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, since advance warning of the traffic restriction is required to be sited in Hounslow Borough Council. This anomaly has persisted and the environmental impact has increased significantly over the intervening years. The order was made 'to prevent Heavy Commercial Vehicles from using Ashford as a through route for north/south movements and to preserve and improve the amenities of the area through which the roads run.' The 'dispute' with Hounslow BC is being pursued by Kwasi Kwarteng MP with support from County Councillor Coleman. The Police have previously stated: - "From a Police point of view, the fact that the restriction is only one way does make a bit of a mockery for enforcement, if officers give out tickets one way the drivers will complain that they are getting treated unfairly. We are therefore keen to see the enforcement in both directions and I understand SCC are working hard to get this resolved."

In the meantime there is no deterrent to HGV drivers travelling northbound along Clockhouse Lane who continue to flout the law which restricts vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonnes except for access. What measures can be taken to prevent HGV's travelling northbound along Clockhouse Lane, Ashford?

**The Area Highway Manager gave the following answer:**

At this point in time no further measures are proposed to be introduced to prevent HGVs travelling northbound along Clockhouse Lane. The focus of Officer time is being spent on pursuing a Southbound restriction. Measures such as physical barriers/deterrents would be relatively high in cost and would not be proposed given that the route still requires access for HGVs such as refuse vehicles, removals vehicles and fire engines.



**Diane Appleby asked the following question:**

Item 11 Moormede Parking Review

Will there be any concessions to the price and number of daily tickets available to the elderly of Moormede with care needs?'

**Jack Roberts, Engineer, Parking Strategy and Implementation gave the following answer:**

Carers, community care personnel and medical staff will be able to apply for a permit from the borough council that would make them exempt from the proposed parking bay restrictions in Moormede Estate.

Residents themselves receiving care will still be required to purchase resident and visitor permits according to the criteria, should they require them.

This is the same for all controlled parking zones and residents schemes within Surrey.