

Item 20

**Questions from Ian Miller, Lightwater**

1. Following a reply from the Council Leader of Surrey County Council (in a reply to me dated 8 October 2004) it was stated that an allocation “has been approved by the Local Committee of £10,000” for work to the existing signals at Junction 3 of the M3 Motorway at Lightwater – it would be of interest to be informed when this allocation of local funds was made? Is it that traffic signaling for the traffic northbound from the M3 to the motorway junction 3 is no longer the responsibility of the Highways Agency or its agent – Surrey County Council?
2. I note that in item 23 at the meeting of your committee on 28<sup>th</sup> October it shows that there is a temporary order made by the Local Transportation Office that at the M3 junction 3 “a new installation of detector loop ducting, connected with improvements to the traffic signals” is to be made. May I ask whether this expenditure (either made or to be made comes from Surrey Heath Local Area funding or from the Highways Agency (or from Surrey County Council perhaps acting as agents)
3. From the same item I note that an order has been made relevant to C5 – Guildford Road – Lightwater. What is the purpose of this order relevant to “Public Safety”?

**Answer from Graham Hodgson, Local Transport Director**

Thank you for your letter requesting clarification about items presented at the Local Committee.

1. The allocation to assist in improving the junction in partnership with the Highways Agency was made on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2004, as Item 22. The effect is to try and improve the throughput capacity of the junction, particularly in relation to northbound traffic on the A322. The signals are the responsibility of the Highways Agency, and just to be clear, Surrey County Council are not the agent of the Highways Agency. I believe this was explained verbally at previous committees.
2. The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order to facilitate the works referred to above, was made by the County Council. This was necessary as the affected location lies within the County Highway Network area. The costs of the Order fall within the allocation previously referred to.
3. The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order relevant to C5 the Guildford Road, was to enable maintenance works to be carried out. All works on the highway are subject to a risk assessment, which is assessed to establish the needs of protection for both the public and the workforce. This information is clarified in the statutory advertisements in the local papers, and in the documents posted on the site.