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LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)

Date: Tuesday 19th October 2006

Time: 7.00 PM

Place: St John's Link, Windlesham

Members present:

Surrey County Council [6]

Mr Maurice Neighbour (Camberley East)
Mr Fred Chipperfield (Camberley West)
Mrs Lavinia Sealy (Chobham & Bisley)
Mr David Ivison (Heatherside & Parkside)
Mr Alan Peirce (Windlesham)
Mr Chris Pitt (Frimley Green & Mychett)

Surrey Heath Borough Council [5]

Cllr Richard Brooks
Cllr Vivienne Chapman
Cllr Moira Gibson
Cllr Edward Hawkins
Cllr Stewart Stevenson

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All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting.
The meeting was preceded by an Open Public Question Time. The notes of this are in Annex A.

Part 1. In Public - Part A.

47/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Borough Councillors Pat Pearce and Ian Bell.

48/06 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 18th July 2006

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

49/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

50/06 PETITIONS

None

51/06 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

52/06 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

53/06 ANNUAL REPORT ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

The report was presented by Carolyn Rowe, Area Director, Surrey County Council, who highlighted the work of the Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) and the Joint Action group (JAG) as well as the recent work in Surrey Heath by the Surrey Together Team. The 101 emergency number will now not be brought in until later than the report stated, the exact date has yet to be confirmed.

Carolyn Rowe handed over to Inspector Mark Adams, Surrey Police. Inspector Adams highlighted the reduction in recorded crime levels across Surrey Heath and recent successes that were directly linked to the Neighbourhood Policing Teams of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) and Neighbourhood Support Officers (NSO's). These successes include:

- Out of the 16 robberies recorded over the financial year so far, 14 have been detected.
- Reduction in criminal damage is due to working closely with the community as well as partners including Surrey County Council, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Surrey Fire and Rescue etc.

Inspector Adams also outlined the drive towards Neighbourhood Policing, North West Surrey is the pathfinder for this. It is based in working closely with the community. The Police have nine Neighbourhood clusters in Surrey Heath.

Cllr Lavinia Sealy introduced Chief Superintendent Sue Warren to the meeting.

Inspector Adams was asked about the enforcement of poor parking. Obstruction is dealt with by the Police but decriminalised parking enforcement is dealt with by the

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Borough Council. NSO Ian Jarret is a regular visitor around Frimley Park Hospital and the Police are aware of the need to work in partnership to solve the parking problems in that area.

Inspector Adams was also asked about capacity to patrol The Atrium when it is built. The Police have very close links with town centre staff and Police teams have received praise for their work in the town centre.

Members commented on the local success of Neighbourhood Watch, although Members were supportive of more watches being set up in social housing areas. Additional community speed watches are being set up and P.C. Mark Barry (07967 988243) is happy to be contacted regarding new watches. Inspector Adams agreed to circulate additional information to Members regarding the Community Speed Watches.

Members commented on the helpfulness of the contact list but asked that it be date marked in the future.

Surrey Together has experienced some initial teething problems and this is the first time that a group of this type has been set up. Surrey Together enable local engagement and working closely with the Community.

Members voiced concern that the allocation of funds to CDRPs would be increased to higher crime areas and so Surrey Heath could see a reduction in funding. Funding for CDRPs now goes via Surrey County Council. The existing formula will be used to allocate funds in 06/07. From 07/08 the funding will be allocated on a 80/20 principle (80% on crime levels, 20% on population) This does potentially mean a reduction in funding to Surrey Heath.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee:

- a) Noted the progress made in promoting community safety in Surrey Heath, and the latest crime statistics;
- b) Delegated responsibility for expenditure of the County Council's local crime and disorder funding in Surrey Heath to the Area Director;
- c) Endorsed the importance of the contribution of all services to community safety in Surrey Heath;
- d) Commented on any issues of concern arising from the report or information presented.

54/06 ANNUAL REPORT ON SURREY FIRE AND RESCUE

The report was introduced by Sean Ruth, North West Area Manager, Surrey Fire and Rescue. Mr Ruth stressed working in partnership to tackle local issues and the use of new technologies. Currently the service is on target for a further reduction in the number of fires. The service has a new duty to assist in reducing the numbers of road casualties and has recently launched the "Safe Drive, Stay Alive" campaign. The Firewise project that works with local young people at risk of fire setting is currently running at a 95% success rate. Referrals can be made to Camberley Fire Station.

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Sean Ruth introduced Paul Kenny, Station Manager at Camberley Fire Station, to the meeting. Mr Kenny outlined some recent events at the station including youth programmes including the Duke of Edinburgh's awards. The service is seeking to extend this type of work in the future. The main obstacle to extending this work is the equipment that is needed.

Surrey Fire and Rescue work with other agencies in times of local needs e.g. flooding. More detailed planning is currently being done for such emergencies.

Members noted the importance of the preventative work being done and highlighted the excellent work of the service on the County's roads where it provides specialist rescue services. Members asked about Chobham Common and were told that deliberate fire setting on the common is still an issue but the number of instances has significantly reduced and work is continuing with land owners on a summer strategy.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee

1. Recognised the achievements of the Borough Teams at Camberley and Chobham, and supported their commitment to embrace new technology and improved initiatives to reduce risk and make Surrey Heath safer.
2. Supported the achievement of the Retained duty personnel at Chobham Fire Station and acknowledged the availability offered by employers who release staff, and those who are self-employed

55/06 ANNUAL REPORT ON TRADING STANDARDS

The report was introduced by Surriya Subramaniam, Complaints Team Manager, who highlighted the work of the Rapid action team who saved one Frimley resident £16,000 following roofing work by a rogue trader. The County has launched a Helping Hands booklet that gives local people information on how to protect themselves from rogue traders and how to find help and support. The service can also work with local residents and the Police to set up "No Cold Calling Zones" and are currently putting a bid together for Surrey Heath.

Members voiced concern about second hand cars being sold in Frimley and agreed to send further information to Trading Standards regarding this. Borough Members thanked the service for it's close working with the Borough Council's contact centre.

Additional information was circulated and is annexed to these minutes in Annex B.

RESOLVED

The Surrey Heath Local Committee noted the initiatives being taken by the Trading Standards Service.

56/06 MEMBERS' ALLOCATIONS

Members agreed the projects detailed in the report.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee :

1. Agreed the allocations detailed in paragraphs 10 - 25.
2. Noted the funding allocations summary in Annex A

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

57/06 UPDATE ON LOCAL ISSUES

This report was for information only.

58/06 REPORT ON THE RECENT FLOODING IN SURREY HEATH

Three multi-agency meetings are being held in the rural areas (West End, Chobham and Lightwater) in early November to discuss the recent flooding.

Members commented that there is a great deal of work going on to support local residents and assist in preparing for future floods, should they occur. The report included a quick reference guide for local people on who to contact in the event of a flood, anything Members can do to promote this information would be valuable. Sandbags are the responsibility of the householder, not any specific authority, although authorities will assist as detailed in the report.

This report was for information only.

59/06 STANDING CITIZEN'S PANEL REPORT

Members thanked the Panel for its continued input.

This report was for information only.

60/06 FORWARD PLAN

This report was for information only.

61/06 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

This report was for information only.

Non-Executive Business.

62/06 ALLEGED PUBLIC FOOTPATH BETWEEN GORSE LANE AND CHOBHAM COMMON SOUTH OF THE FORMER 'METCO' SITE, CHOBHAM

This report was detailed by Daniel Williams, Countryside legal Officer. The area was exempt from the original planning application but was subsequently covered by the retrospective planning application. The area has not been built on, is blocked off at both ends and does not form part of the gardens.

Borough Council Members did not vote on the resolutions.

RESOLVED

The Committee agreed:

1. That public footpath rights are recognised over the route A-B on drawing 3/1/81/H59 and that the application for a MMO under sections 53 and 57 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement is approved. The route is to be known as Public Footpath no. 213 (Chobham).
2. That if objections are maintained the Order be submitted to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for confirmation.

Part B – Transportation.

63/06 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As in 47/06.

64/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

65/06 PETITIONS

Two petitions were received.

The first was received from Cllr Valerie White. Following a report by Stephen Ladyman, Government Transport Minister, regarding a review of speed limits on all single and dual carriageway roads, including speed limits in appropriate villages, the petition called for a review of the speed limit on Bagshot High Street through to New Road, Bagshot, with a view to reducing the speed limit to 20 mph to include the area of the school crossing zone on Guildford Road.

This issue had been highlighted at a recent Neighbourhood Panel meeting. Cars do not always stop at the two zebra crossings and children at the bus stop were felt to be at risk. The traffic using the road generates a lot of noise and large lorries use the road as a short cut. Better signage to the A30 was also requested in the verbal presentation.

The second petition was presented by Cllr Vivienne Chapman and also followed the Ladyman report. This petition requested a 40 mph speed limit on the Red Road (Maultway Roundabout to Gordon's Roundabout) and a 20mph speed limit at Hammond School, Lightwater. Cllr Chapman noted the tragedies and fatalities on the Red Road in recent years.

66/06 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

One public question was received from Tim Price, Windlesham Parish Council. The question and response are detailed in Annex C for these minutes.

67/06 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS

Three Member question were received. Two from Maurice Neighbour and one from Vivienne Chapman. The questions and responses are detailed in Annex D for these minutes.

Maurice Neighbour asked a supplementary question – “Are there enough parking attendants to cover the town centre over Christmas?” Ian Haller replied that he would need to consult with the Borough Council parking manager and would reply to Mr Neighbour directly.

68/06 2005 / 06 OUTTURN REPORT

Members discussed the report. The Yorktown resident surveys are now being returned and results will be known soon. Members were keen that the Lightwater consultation was not lost.

RESOLVED

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath:

- i) noted this outturn report and the actions being taken to resolve the outstanding financial queries,
- ii) agreed the revised scheme priorities for 2006/07, as set out in the report and progress these within the available budgets and resources,
- iii) agreed that the management of the 2006/07 devolved LTP budget be vested with the Local Transportation Manager in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee or in their absence by their delegated representatives.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

69/06 FRIMLEY PARKING STUDY PROPOSALS

Members welcomed the developments and looked forward to progress on this scheme. Officers hope to get back to residents before Christmas. Officers will look at the roads mentioned in open public question time, The Grove and The Cloister, to see what can be done. It may be possible to bring a definitive plan to the next Local Committee meeting but officers must ensure full and robust consultation. Members thanked Officers for their hard work to move this forward.

This report was for information only.

70/06 COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND – PROGRESS REPORT

Members requested that the S106 funds are shown on future reports. The mini roundabout in Stoneleigh Road will not be progressed due to safety concerns.

This report was for information only.

71/06 PETITION RESPONSE – WINDSOR ROAD, CHOBHAM

This report was for information only.

72/06 ATRIUM, CAMBERLEY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS TASK GROUP.

The proposals are being advertised in line with the planning application.

This report was for information only.

**73/06 TASKS COMMISSIONED BY THE LOCAL COMMITTEE
(TRANSPORTATION)**

Members were concerned that the Ravenswood roundabout had still not been looked at, Ian Haller will look into this.

This report was for information only.

The meeting finished at 9.37 pm

Chairman.

Open Public Question Time notes.
Surrey County Council's Local Committee (Surrey Heath)
19th October 2006, St John's Church Link, Windlesham

1. Angela Mitchell, Deepcut Bridge Road

What are the plans for speed calming in Lake Road?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

A proposal was put forward from the Borough Council fund and this is in the current works programme to be looked at this year.

2. Irene Bothomley, Buttermere Drive, Heatherside

My home and garage have been flooded due to blocked roadside drains. What preventative steps is Surrey County Council taking?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

If no one has been out to look at these drains please talk to me after the meeting so I can get the details from you.

3. Gordon Whiteman, Longmeads Way

Does Surrey Heath Borough Council have a contingency plan for dealing with emergencies?

Reply from Stewart Stevenson, Borough Councillor

There is a plan at both County and Borough level, The Borough plan is being reviewed and we hope to have this finalised by the end of October. This will be available on the Borough Council website or at the Borough Council reception.

Reply from Fred Chipperfield, County Councillor for Camberley West

I attend many meetings with the Army, Police, Borough Council etc and there are plans in place to deal with emergencies. County plans dovetail with Borough plans and with those of other agencies.

4. Mrs Dunthy, The Avenue, Lightwater

Are there any proposals for traffic calming in The Avenue? Do you have to live in an exclusive postcode to get this?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

There are no proposals at present. Speeds have been checked and there are some issues with traffic speed for vehicles heading away from the county park. In conjunction with the Police it is suggested to use posters with Police Officer support. Physical measures are not proposed, it is the current policy to use these to remedy an identified accident problem. All areas are treated equitably.

5. Meurig Williams, Windlesham Parish Council

The flooding in Bagshot high Street at the Fighting Cocks appears to be a highway matter. What are the Local committee doing? This was reported to Surrey Heath Borough Council.

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

I will pass the details on to the highway engineers to be investigated.

6. Meurig Williams, Windlesham Parish Council

What priority is being given to a pedestrian crossing in Bagshot High Street?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

There is already a scheme in place, we are awaiting funding.

7. Jill Axtel, Burhill Lane, Chobham

Why has it taken 10 months for the realignment of the roundabout at Windsor Road, Chobham?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

We are still working through the detailed designs and are awaiting information from engineers. Once we have this we can move forward.

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor for Chobham and Bisley.

We are also in discussions with the Police to get their agreement, we hope to have this by the end of this week.

8. Alan Blazey, Link Way

Surrey Heath Borough Council are stopping the annual grant to St Michael's church for the upkeep of the Church Yard. Why?

Reply from Edward Hawkins, Borough Councillor

Like all Councils we are struggling to meet our budget. The Borough Council has undergone reorganisation and redundancies. The Government grant to Surrey Heath is in the order of £53,000 and the increase in bus passes alone for older people is £113,000, so you can see the pressures we as a Council are under. We have had to cut back on spending and this is one area that has been cut.

9. Mr Maynard, Grayville Road, Frimley Angela Mitchell, Deepcut Bridge Road

Can we have no parking in Grove Road? It is an accident waiting to happen. Could cones be used between the crossing and the entrance to The Grove.

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

I will ask for it to be looked at.

Reply from Fred Chipperfield, County Councillor for Camberley West

There is a consultation going on, we know this area needs attention and something will be done to address the issues.

10. Mary Smith, Burgoine Road

We were flooded last Wednesday and over the last 7 years we have suffered raw sewage and water flooding onto our property. The drains in Portsmouth Road can't cope and the road hasn't been cleaned since last August.

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

We will look into this and please talk to me after the meeting so I can get the details.

11. Fran Bennie, Borough Councillor, Heatherside

Are there any plans to include Heatherside in future flood measures?

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor for Chobham and Bisley.

These are detailed in the report that is on the agenda.

12. Joan Proctor

When is Decriminalised Parking Enforcement coming in around Frimley Park Hospital? There are issues at the left turn into Westwood Road as well.

Reply from Lavinia Sealy, County Councillor for Chobham and Bisley.

Please talk to me in the break about Westwood Road.

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

The recent weather has resulted in delays, we hope to get back to residents before Christmas.

Reply from Stewart Stevenson, Borough Councillor

Wardens can only enforce double yellow lines and timing etc, they cannot enforce dangerous parking, that is the Police.

13. Stuart Cazely, West End Parish Council

The works at Church Road / Benner Lane, have still not been done, we were told this would be done in April 06, what is happening?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

The delay has been due to land acquisition, this is due to be done in the new year 2007.

14. Tony Boxall, McDonald Road

When will the investigations into traffic in Lightwater be done?

Reply from Ian Haller – Local Transportation Manager

The original budget was reallocated, some work has been done. I cannot say when this will move forward.

15. Mr Pavey, The Avenue, Camberley

Camberley Magistrates Court has been demolished. Does the land still belong to Surrey County Council? Is it the intention to use this land to widen the road?

Reply from Vivienne Chapman, Borough Councillor

There is a planning application in for that site, please contact Surrey Heath Borough Council for more information.

Supplementary Information relating to the Trading Standards Service

1) Records of Rapid Action interventions from 2005 to Sept 2006

Ward	Number of complaints	Amount of money involved
Bisley	1	£2,500
Frimley	1	£7,900
Frimley Green	1	£1,200
St Michaels	1	N/K
St Pauls	2	£4,000
Watchetts	1	N/K
West End	1	£5,500
TOTAL	8	£21,100

Example of a recent press release:

This is an extreme case, which is why a press release was issued last week.

Concerned Neighbour Saves Frimley Resident £16,000

Trading Standards, in conjunction with the police, put a stop to a doorstep con while it was happening in Frimley on Thursday 12th October.

A call was received by Consumer Direct, the national consumer helpline, who passed the information to Surrey County Council's Trading Standards Service. A Rapid Action Team is on standby during the working week to help members of the public who are ripped off at their homes.

Peter Denard, County Trading Standards Officer picks up the story, "This is an all too familiar tale for us, and has caused a great deal of distress to the victim. In this case, Trading Standards Officers went to the help of a recently bereaved widower, in his 80's. The gentleman had been approached by some traders offering to fix his roof for £160. This estimate rose to £1600, and when it grew astronomically to £16,000 - was when Trading Standards became involved. Sadly, this crime may not have been a first, we found evidence that the victim may also had paving and underpinning work done to his house earlier this year."

"I would like to thank the police, who acted swiftly by arresting two suspects. One of the suspects has been prosecuted by Trading Standards in the past for breaches of doorstep legislation. The law is very clear, if a trader makes an uninvited approach to a householder, then a 7 day cancellation period must be given in writing."

"The Trading Standards Service urges all members of the public to be vigilant. There are vulnerable people in every community who need the support of friends, family and neighbours. In this particular case, a concerned neighbour called the victim's

nephew, who in turn alerted the authorities. This community spirit meant that the victim was saved £16,000. If you suspect that a Doorstep crime is being carried out, please call Consumer Direct on 08454 040506 immediately.”

Notes:

For Further information, please contact Surriya Subramaniam on 01372 371 764

2) Publicising the work of the Trading Standards Service

Our strategy is to make maximum impact with minimum resources. Education is actively taking place on a number of fronts:

- a) Press Releases – The Service is small (70 FTE), however generates a great deal of publicity for Surrey County Council in local and national media. There are regular stories that are published in Surrey Matters magazine.
- b) Leaflets – the Helping Hands booklet has been offered to all Surrey Heath’s libraries, Council Offices, CAB’s, partner organisations, etc.
- c) Talks have been offered to all elderly groups that we have identified throughout the County.
- d) We have a website that has about 6000 hits per month.
www.surreycc.gov.uk/tradingstandards

3) Accessibility

We take enquiries from members of the public via Consumer Direct. Consumer Direct will deal with simple enquiries, and more complex cases are referred by them to us. Consumer Direct started taking all telephone calls from the public in March 2005, and Trading Standards emails were diverted to Consumer Direct from August 2006. The Office in Leatherhead accepts and deals with all letters (about 800 pa) and personal visitors (about 75 pa).



Item 20 Public Questions – one received.

1. Question received from Tim Price, Clerk, Windlesham Parish Council

In 2005 SCC Transportation Service promised that speed indicators would be installed at various locations around Surrey Heath where suitable mounting posts would be erected so that these units could be rotated on a regular basis.

Such devices are generally recognised as being of great value in the short term in reducing excessive traffic speed.

To date no Radarlux units have been deployed in the Parish of Windlesham (Bagshot, Lightwater and Windlesham villages) and the mounting posts remain unused. The situation may well be the same in other parts of the Borough.

We understand that SHBC provided significant funding towards the provision of these Radarlux units yet two of the devices have been left in position on the A319 between West End and Chobham since June, so long in fact that the batteries went flat over a month ago and consequently they are not working.

This situation is deplorable, can we have an explanation.

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager

The operation and running of the speed indicating devices has caused some problems following the relocation of some staff to Woking. In addition the recent restructuring of the Local Transportation Service has also impacted on the ability to operate these unit efficiently. Measures to address the future operation are currently being considered to overcome problems. The Local Transportation Service and the Police Casualty Reduction Officer will continue the ongoing servicing of the units for the time being.

Currently four of the units are broken and have been removed pending repair and two units are currently operational. Once repaired the units will be deployed to sites on the programme including those sites in the Parish of Windlesham.

It should be noted that just because the speed indicating units appear not to work it does not mean that they are not operational as the devices can be set 'covertly' to obtain speed data information.

Finally, with regard to the A319 Bagshot Road, West End then this site is to receive permanent vehicle activated signs later in the year as part of an initiative by the High Sheriff of Surrey.

Item 21 Written Member Questions (Three received)

Question from County Councillor Maurice Neighbour.

With reference to Decriminalised Parking Enforcement, can you advise how many parking attendants there are and where they are deployed in Surrey Heath?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

There are two parking attendants employed to undertake on street parking enforcement in the Borough. Parking attendants will visit all areas of the Borough, on a rota basis, where restrictions (double and single yellow lines, parking places, loading restrictions and disabled bays) exist. For example attendants would visit Frimley, Frimley Green, Deepcut & Mytchett in the morning followed by Bagshot Lightwater, Windlesham & Chobham in the afternoon on one day at least once a week. Additionally there are two parking attendants within the Controlled Parking Zone who will undertake the enforcement of both parking places and waiting restrictions.

Question from County Councillor Maurice Neighbour.

Can we have an explanation of where during this year, our VAS signs and poster signs have been distributed and also where SID has been used in Surrey Heath. Can we also have a list of where they will be deployed for the remainder of the year?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

Below are the 2006 Sites (bold type indicate sites remaining for year):

Posters

Chertsey Road, Windlesham
Updown Hill, Windlesham
Whitmoor Road, Bagshot
Park Road/Park Street, Camberley
College Ride, Camberley
Guildford Road, Lightwater
Old Bisley Road
Kings Ride

Ambleside Road

Guildford Road, Frimley Green

Speed Visors:

Coleford Bridge Road, Mytchett
Frimley Road, Camberley
Park Street (Park Road – Railway Bridge)
College Ride, Camberley
A319 Bagshot Road, West End
Old Bisley Road
Windsor Road, Chobham
School Road/Kennel Lane, Windlesham
Guildford Road, Lightwater
A322 Bracknell Road, Bagshot

SID sites (rotated amongst locations at the 3 sites below):

A30 London Road between The Meadows and Sunninghill Road.

Portsmouth Road between Frimley Park Hospital Roundabout and the Jolly Farmer Junction.

A322 Between Berkshire County Boundary and Woking Borough Boundary.

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Question from Borough Councillor Vivienne Chapman.

The Borough Council representatives on the Local Committee ask that the County Council:

- a. review all single and dual carriageway roads within the Borough of Surrey Heath which have speed limits above 40mph, and the speed limits reduced where appropriate:
- b. special attention be given to rural roads in such a review:
- c. all school zone areas be reviewed and speed limits lowered to 20mph where appropriate:
- d. following the introduction of reduced speed limits where appropriate, that sufficient resources are identified to ensure effective enforcement is put in place and maintained.

Is this possible and when will this be able to be done?

Reply from Ian Haller, Local Transportation Manager.

Surrey County Council's Local Transportation Team is already in the process of reviewing speed limits in the borough, particularly in the rural areas, at the request of Members. Limits outside schools are already reviewed as part of the Safe Routes to Schools programme in partnership with schools.

a) There are a total of 56 roads or locations, in the Borough with speed limits greater than 40 mph. Of these, two locations had their appropriate speed limits assessed and implemented in 2003 and a further four locations have been assessed and reduced limits already approved by the Local Committee. These have recently been advertised. Of the remaining 50 roads or locations, 25 are already included on the current speed assessment list and a further 3 are due for assessment as a result of the Alma Dettigen Development.

Assessments are prioritised by need and this method of prioritisation must be retained. A full review would need to be included within the integrated transport and local allocation programme reviews later this year. The number of locations involved would take at least three years to review based on current resources.

b) Of the 56 roads or locations, 44 are within the rural area or are deemed rural in nature. Furthermore, the existing speed limit assessment list predominantly contains roads or locations of a rural nature. For example 13 rural roads form part of a comprehensive assessment in the West End, Windlesham and Chobham areas bounded by the A319, B383 and B386.

c) All speed limits, including those outside schools, are determined by Surrey County Council's Speed Management Policies. There are 35 schools in Surrey Heath and through Surrey's Safe Routes to Schools programme it will consider measures around schools to supplement school travel plans. Currently all 20 mph zones or speed limits must influence driver speed sufficiently to be self enforcing, meaning some form of physical traffic calming. For some schools reduced speed limits and traffic calming may not be a requirement. Therefore, Surrey County Council's preferred method is to continue to work to implement its Safe Routes programme and provide the most appropriate measures for each school. This is done on an individual basis with the school, Surrey County Council's Safer and Smarter Travel Team and the Local Transportation Service.

d) The enforcement of speed limits and effective resourcing is a matter for comment by the Police.