



## LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND  
RESPONSES**

17 DECEMBER 2010

**1. From Mr James Streatfeild (Farncombe)**

My wife and I are residents of Gray's Road, Farncombe who struggle to park our car each day. The area around Farncombe railway station is of a medium to high population density and so parking is bound to be an issue, but the problem is compounded by the railway commuters who dominate the roadside spaces. No-one has a right to park in front of one's house, but at the moment the balance is in the favour of the commuters, following the parking restrictions being lifted earlier in April.

Currently, commuters are parking their vehicles for long periods of time on the local roads to Farncombe railway station, often from 5.50 until 22.00, and this is no doubt the result of parking in and around the neighbouring railway stations (Guildford and Godalming) being either restricted, expensive, or non-existent. When I return from work in the evening, nine or sometimes ten vehicles out of thirteen on Gray's Rd. are taken up by non-residents.

Would it be possible to introduce a **Residents' Parking Scheme** in the area around Farncombe Railway Station, but one that would also allow **anyone to park for a maximum of two hours** ? Assuming such a scheme was effectively enforced by the wardens, it would ease the parking for local residents (who incidentally do not have any off-road parking), but also allow people to park and use the local shops / facilities. Such a scheme could be introduced for:

- Station Rd
- Gray's Rd
- George Rd
- Elizabeth Rd

- Summer's Rd

The scheme could well be introduced for a larger area as this would help dissipate the parking problems, particularly as properties further from the station have off-road parking. Clearly, there is an imbalance with respects to the parking around Farncombe, and I feel this needs to be addressed.

### **Committee Response**

Surrey County Council's Parking Strategy and Implementation Team (Parking Team) will be assessing the Farncombe area for a possible residents' parking scheme/Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) during the next Waverley Parking Review due to begin in April 2011, with all recommendations presented to this committee in September 2011.

However, there are feasibility issues in terms of providing such a scheme in this area which are explained below.

Firstly, as mentioned in the submitted question, a residents' scheme in Farncombe would have to incorporate a number of roads covering a fairly significant area around the railway station. This would be necessary in order to minimise potential parking conflicts being relocated to streets immediately adjacent to any new zone. The area that would need to be included in any CPZ scheme would cost in the region of £50,000 to implement. This area would include the roads listed in the submitted question but also a number of streets to the south of the railway station.

Due to the nature of the streets in Farncombe, and the large number of terraced properties without off-street parking which front them, there may still be competition for on-street parking places in some roads. Not all streets in the area fully comply with the Traffic Regulations in terms of having sufficient road widths and suitable road layouts for formal on-street parking bays to be provided. As a result, these particular roads are going to struggle to accommodate enough formal parking bays to meet residents' expectations.

Bearing in mind this issue, the Parking Team will assess all existing parking bays in the area, including all potential locations for new parking spaces to be provided, in order to maximise on street capacity without compromising road safety or access.

**2. From Mr Stewart Payne (Hambleton Parish Council)**

The small rural parish of Hambleton suffered badly because of severe weather earlier this year, with the village effectively cut off for a week with no gritting or snow ploughing and a three-day power failure. The Parish Council determined to be better prepared in future and, encouraged by Surrey County Council (SCC) and Waverley Borough Council, put in place an emergency plan.

As part of this process the parish was told by SCC back in the spring that it would be provided with a snow plough to be used by a local farmer. It was also told that the main route through the village, Hambleton Road, was on the Priority 1 gritting network. As a result a grit bin on this road was deliberately left empty by SCC “because it would not be needed”.

Despite repeated pressure from the Parish Council the snow plough blade did not arrive until just before the recent heavy snowfall. It required further work to adapt it for use on the farmer’s tractor which was to be carried out “within days” by SCC. This never happened.

So when the snow came our farmer could not use the snow plough. Matters were made worse by the failure of SCC to grit Hambleton Road before the widely-forecast snow. When gritters did finally arrive, it was too late. And, on the day, the Waverley emergency planner failed to get into work...because of the snow. None of this fills us with any confidence.

Why was the plough delivered so late and not put into working order ? And why was Hambleton Road not gritted at the appropriate time ?

**Committee response**

Since the beginning of the year, Surrey County Council (SCC) has enlisted 27 new farmers to assist with snow operations, bringing the total that can be called on to 35.

Work on fitting snow plough blades to individual tractors started in September, once fitters had completed servicing the front line fleet of 40 gritters. Some plough blades required refurbishment, and there have been complications with adapting them to tractors. All blades have now been fitted, with the exception of the farmer in Hambleton, but SCC's fleet contractor has been asked to ensure that this final blade is fitted as a matter of urgency. Other SCC enlisted farmers have ploughed minor roads in the Hambleton/Hydestyle area.

Over the summer SCC carried out an audit of gritting routes across the whole county. Hambleton Road is included on the P1 Cranleigh route operating out of our Witley depot, treated at the same time as major roads such as the nearby A283.

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With respect to the snow that started to fall on Tuesday 30 November, SCC records for treating the P1 network in West Surrey are shown in the table below (9 runs between 26 November and 2 December). Note that until a road carries a certain level of traffic, which emulsifies the salt and accelerates its melting effect, it may not be apparent to the eye that treatment has taken place.

Date	Ringway		No. Runs - Rate of Spread			
	Climate Zone B/C	Time Pre-salt Commenced	10g/m2	15g/m2	20g/m2	
26th Nov	Red	19:00	1			PRESALT PRIMARY ROUTES 19:00HRS @ 10GRMS. HOGS BACK AND BVR 15GRMS. HOAR FROST EXPECTED FROM 21:00HRS. POSSIBLE LIGHT SNOW FLURRIES TOMORROW AROUND NOON.
27th Nov	Red	19:00	1			PRIMARY ROUTES FROM 19:00HRS @ 10GRMS. MIN RST'S - 6/5. HOAR FROST EXPECTED WITH POSSIBLE LIGHT SNOW FLURRIES.
28th Nov	Red	19:00	1			RESALT PRIMARY ROUTES FROM 19:00HRS @ 10GRMS. BVR AND HOGS BACK 15GRMS. MIN RST'S - 5. HOAR FROST EXPECTED WITH POSSIBLE LIGHT SNOW FLURRIES BTWVN 18:00HRS-02:00HRS.
29th Nov	Red	15:00	1			SECONDRY ROUTES FROM 15:00HRS @ 10GRMS.
29th Nov	Red	19:30		1		PRESALT PRIMARY ROUTES FROM 19:30HRS @ 15GRMS. RST'S TO FALL TO MS02. POSSIBLITY OF SNOW FROM 21:00HRS.
30th Nov	Red	13:00		1		PRIMARY ROUTES FROM 13:00HRS @
30th Nov	Red	15:30		1		PRESALT SECONDRY ROUTES FROM 15:30HRS @ 15GRMS. POSSIBLE RUN THIS EVENING WILL UPDATE HAVING CONSULTED FORECAST.
30th Nov		20:00			1	P1
1st Dec		10:00			1	P2
1st Dec		14:00	1			P1
1st Dec	Red	19:00		1		P1
2nd Dec		Day		1		P2
2nd Dec	Red	19:00	1			P1