

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)****PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND
RESPONSES****24 FEBRUARY 2012****1. From Ms Irene Ross (Chair of Governors: St Mary's School, Frensham)**

Our school, St Mary's C of E (Aided) Infants, Frensham is situated very close to the busy A287 main road. However, the 'wig wag' lights warning motorists of the presence of the school are inoperative and have been for at least two years, despite numerous complaints about this. This causes us serious concern.

There are limited places to park outside the school and therefore many parents have to park along the A287 at the beginning and end of the school day and cross with their children. However, there is no established crossing point and we are very close to a sharp bend, at the other side of which the speed limit is 60mph. In recent years there have been numerous road incidents, with the bus shelter next to the school being destroyed and various road bollards struck and replaced. The traffic situation has now improved slightly since the revised road layout at the end of Bacon Lane, but there is still a fear that it may be one of our pupils or parents next.

Therefore we are writing to ask: When will the "wig wag" warning lights outside our school be repaired ?

Committee response

This financial year an initial budget of £10,000 was set aside for annual reprogramming and repairs to flashing school "wig wag" signs. Following investigation of which wig wags were working at 152 sites across the county it was found that repairs/replacements are needed at 123 sites (each site usually has two signs). Consequently it become clear that it will

not be possible to repair all the sites with the time and money available in the current financial year. Instead, repairs have been undertaken at sites with the greatest need starting with locations that have an active school crossing patrol. The site at St Mary's School does not have an active school crossing patrol and so it has not been possible to include this site in the priority list for repair/replacement this financial year. It is intended that the County Council's policy on wig wags will be reviewed in the coming weeks to determine under what circumstances wig wags should be provided and maintained and what annual budget would be required to do this in future years. As soon as the new policy is agreed we will be able to advise as to which sites will be repaired and maintained during the next financial year.

2. From Mr Paul Bance (Farncombe)

Why has money been spent on marking out parking bays in Farncombe without any restriction on the length of time for which people (e.g. commuters) may park ?

Committee response

Parking bays have been marked in certain parts of Farncombe for a number of years. The possible provision of residents' parking bays as part of a Controlled Parking Zone has been considered recently, and the matter is due to be discussed at the meeting of the Local Committee on 16 March 2012. No additional expenditure has been incurred at this stage. The County Councillor for Godalming North and officers would be happy to discuss any specific concerns outside of the meeting.