



## **HASLEMERE PARKING STATEMENT: MAY 2012**

Surrey County Council, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Local Committee (Waverley), has decided that the proposals relating to parking restrictions in Haslemere agreed at the meeting of the Local Committee on 16 March 2012 will not proceed.

In view of the strength of feeling among local people it was clear that the proposals could not go ahead. The Council is aware of the problems the proposals have caused the community and is happy to be able to offer an alternative way forward.

The Council will now set up a working group to look at transport issues for Haslemere affecting the community, with a view to developing a plan for the town. The Leader of the Council has agreed with the Strategic Director for Transport that one of his senior officers (Richard Bolton) will take charge of this matter and will be responsible for driving it forward. The group will start talks with all relevant stakeholders in the very near future.

There will inevitably be several complex matters that the group will have to tackle, including parking. However, the Leader is confident that by working together all these issues can be resolved. While the group will focus on the longer term there will certainly be the ability for the community to promote proposals for specific and immediate needs and, where these are supported by the group and relevant stakeholders, Richard Bolton will ensure that a comprehensive report is presented to the Local Committee for its determination.

The Leader firmly believes that by coming together the local community will be able to find the best solution to many of the town's transport needs and is committed to ensuring the County Council assists in any way it can.