

Minutes of the Local Committee (Woking)  
Meeting held at 6.30pm on 16 September 2008  
at  
the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Woking

Members present:

<b>Mrs Val Tinney</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Mrs Elizabeth Compton</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Mr Andrew Crisp</b>	<b>Cllr David Bittleson</b>
<b>Mr John Doran</b>	<b>Cllr Tony Branagan</b>
<b>Mr Geoff Marlow</b>	<b>Cllr Bryan Cross</b>
<b>Mrs Diana Smith</b>	<b>Cllr Ian Johnson</b>
<b>Mr Shamas Tabrez</b>	<b>Cllr Derek McCrum</b>
	<b>Cllr Richard Wilson</b>

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**Part One – In Public**

**[All references to items refer to the agenda for the meeting]**

**40/08 Apologies for absence [Item 1]**

Councillor John Doran and Andrew Crisp gave their apologies for absence.

**41/08 Minutes of last meeting- held on 23 June 2008 [Item 2]**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Local Committee (Woking) held on 23 June 2008 were agreed and signed.

**42/08 Declarations of interests [Item 3]**

In accordance with Standing Order 60, Mr Geoff Marlow declared a personal interest in relation to Item 46

#### **43/08 Petitions [Item 4]**

There were no petitions received.

#### **44/08 Written public questions [Item 5]**

Annex 1 of these minutes details public questions and answers. The following supplementary questions were put:

Question 1. No supplementary question.

Question 2. No supplementary question

Question 3. No supplementary question.

#### **45/08 Written Members' Questions [Item 6]**

A copy of the questions and answers can be found in annex 2 of these minutes.

Question 1. No supplementary question.

Question 2. The problem still exists on the 91-bus route; can special appreciation of this be given by services, and special action taken?

Local Highways Manager Response: this issue shall be reported to the Passenger Transport team for resolution.

Question 3. No supplementary question.

### **Executive Functions**

#### **46/08 Woking Cycle Town Strategy [Item 7]**

Paul Fishwick, Surrey County Councils Local Highway Manager, introduced the report. The Local Committee were positive about the plans, and discussed a number of matters including the safety implications of the plan.

In response to questions from Mrs Diana Smith, Paul Fishwick confirmed that the project may seek to light the central tracks but that this detail is yet to be finalised, that action had been taken in response to recent reports of motorcycles using existing cycle tracks, that a pedestrian crossing for the Hermitage Bridge is included in the programme for year 3, and that sculptures / artwork around the tracks is not featured as part of the current programme. And in discussion Mr Geoff Marlow, Paul Fishwick confirmed that precautions will be taken in the designing of cycle paths to ensure safety when pedestrians and cycles share paths.

In answer to Chairman Val Tinney's question regarding the strategy and its relationship with neighbouring boroughs, Paul Fishwick confirmed that the project

is exploring continuity, and that colleagues in Surrey Heath are looking at working in partnership to offer routes to Woking High School, and also hope to explore opportunities with Guildford and Runnymede.

In response to Councillor Simon Bellord, Paul Fishwick confirmed that the project is looking into having mileage as well as time on signs, and that Community Highways Officers will have bikes and able to report and act upon areas where private hedges overgrow onto the pathways.

In response to Councillor Richard Wilson's point that West Byfleet Station is not as supported by planned cycle paths, Paul Fishwick confirmed that route improvement and extension for West Byfleet station is planned for 2011/12.

In response to Councillor Ian Johnson, Paul Fishwick confirmed that immediate cycle town plans did not include the upgrade of existing routes through Victoria Arch, and that it is likely a business case for constructing either one or two tunnels for pedestrians/cyclists may be prepared in 2011/12.

#### RESOLVED

The Committee agreed:

- (i) That the draft Plan and Programme attached as **Annex A** is approved.
- (ii) That The Transport for Woking Board will set up a Cycling Town Project Board consisting of representatives from the County and Borough Councils together with South West Trains and Woking Cycle Users Group. The County Council will also provide an officer to act as chairman and interface between the two boards. The Cycling Town Project Board will meet at key milestones during the project lifespan.
- (iii) That where possible, any new Section 106 funding will be allocated towards the Woking Cycling Town project.
- (iv) That officers be authorised to proceed with any necessary actions including traffic orders, advertisements and notices of intent in order to deliver these projects.
- (v) That officers will update members of the Local Committee in relation to the progress of the Woking Cycling Town Project, at appropriate times during the year.
- (vi) That the Local Committee would receive a report at its scheduled February 2009 meeting, to agree a works programme for the 2009/10 financial year and an indicative programme for the remainder of the project and further annual reports are brought to that Committee at an appropriate time to determine funding for future years.
- (vii) That the Local Committee agrees that the Woking Bike Station Project, as tabled (Item 7 **Annex B**), be considered for inclusion in the Woking Cycle Town Project.

**[The meeting ended at 8.15pm]**

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**Chairman**

## Annex1

# SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## LOCAL COMMITTEE (WOKING)

16<sup>th</sup> September 2008

### Public Questions

**1. Question from Les Lawson, Knaphill:**

When will the defunct 'Reduce speed' sign situated at the junction of Warbury Lane and Chobham Road in Knaphill be repaired?

**Answer from Surrey County Council's local highways manager:**

A number of new Vehicle Activated Signs have been erected recently throughout the Borough. However, some of these are still not operational, despite the fact that an electricity supply has been provided. The sign supplier is aware of the situation, and will be visiting the Borough later this week. I am therefore confident that these signs will be in operation very shortly.

**2. Question from Ann-Marie Barker, Horsell:**

A speed warning sign has been in place in Brewery Road, Horsell for six months but as the power has not been connected rendering the sign completely useless. Can we be told:

- i) Why the power is not yet connected;
- ii) When the power will be connected; and
- iii) What steps SCC will be taking to prevent this type of situation in future.

**Answer from Surrey County Council's local highways manager:**

It would appear that the new power supply has not been connected to the sign. The sign supplier can only activate tests once the new supply has been connected.

Only EDF can supply a new connection to this sign and this is one of a few uncompleted jobs that they have within the Woking area. The County Council has reminded EDF of this outstanding work and is awaiting a programme date.

The County Council has had several meetings with EDF over delays in connection with new supplies and EDF are currently working through the backlog.

**3. Question from Anthony Hill, Old Woking:**

Why did Surrey CC not object to Village Green Application No.1845 and yet they objected to application No. 1851. The applications were made under different Acts of Parliament, but cover the same pieces of land on Rydens Way, in Old Woking. It is also important that in any reply that it is made clear why the objection to the second application by Surrey CC was left until the last day of the 6 week period.

**Answer from Surrey County Council's Highways & Planning Solicitor and Local Highways Manager:**

The original application (No. 1845) did not include any land that is adopted highway but the later/revised application (No. 1851) did. That is why only the later/revised application was objected to. The objection to the application was submitted within the required timescale.

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

### LOCAL COMMITTEE (WOKING)

16<sup>th</sup> September 2008

#### Members Questions

**1. Question from Diana Smith, Surrey County Council:**

Is the Youth Development Service aware of the concerns residents and the local police team have above the gatherings of young people that have taken place in the car park by Alexandra Gardens in Knaphill? Will the Youth Development Service provide or support outreach to these young people?

**Answer from Surrey County Council's Youth Development Officer:**

The Youth Development Service (YDS) are aware of the issues of young people gathering in the car park of Alexandra Gardens in Knaphill, this issue has been raised with community safety partners on the Joint Action Group.

Surrey Police colleagues are aware that a small number of individuals are to blame for incidents of anti-social behaviour and continue to work with this small group. The Police and YDS are confident that the majority of young people "hanging around" adjacent to Alexandra Gardens are not engaged in any anti-social and/or criminal activity. And as a result of consultation with young people, are working with partners to negotiate the possible lighting of the local Multi Use Games Area during the evening for the benefit of the majority of young people in the area.

Currently our resources for Knaphill are devoted to the Youth Arts Centre which is running to full capacity at present, with the projects on offer being fully attended by over 100 young people each week. Nevertheless the YDS continue to look to ways to reach more young people, and are working with the voluntary organisation, "Outside Light", to offer their volunteers basic youth work training to support engagement with young people in this area.

It would be a wholly positive step to see more local residents get involved with their community, something the YDS have successfully been doing with the youth for a number of years now. And to this end the YDS continues to offer help in training groups of volunteers, such as identified in Knaphill, to provide further opportunities to young people.

**1. Question from Diana Smith, Surrey County Council:**

Why is the 'real-time' information about bus arrivals still not working effectively? When will it reach its previous levels of usefulness?

**Answer from Surrey County Council's Passenger Transport service:**

The present situation with the Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) is:

- All Arriva/Safeguard & relevant Stagecoach/Countryliner buses are equipped and working on the system. There are a few ticket-machine issues that are in the process of being resolved, by either sourcing other ticket machines (Safeguard), or by development work being undertaken with regard to the interface configuration (Countryliner).
- On-street displays: high level of predictions shown, although a few problems still to be rectified. A few power issues to be resolved. (185 out of 207 displays operational)
- Training on Trapeze RTPI system still being given to some bus control room staff and Surrey staff to enable full monitoring of the system.
- SCC staff in regular communication with bus operators to encourage their drivers to log on correctly & for staff to report equipment faults.
- Forthcoming roadworks, particularly in the Guildford area, leading to diversions from the regular bus routes, are likely to cause some minor problems to the effectiveness of the RTPI system.
- A few issues still to be "ironed out", e.g. finding a total interchange solution at Guildford Bus Station.

**2. Question from Diana Smith, Surrey County Council:**

Does the Local Highways Manager anticipate that there will be any need for road closures in the centre of Woking during the next three years that would necessitate the re-routing of buses, as happened with the building and repair to the station approach canopy?

**Answer from Surrey County Council's Local Highways Manager**

I am aware that the A320 Victoria Way will be closed to through traffic for highway resurfacing works. For eastbound vehicles from Century Court to the Roundabout (at junction with Chertsey Road) on 29/30 September between 2000 to 0600hr and for westbound vehicles between A3046 Chobham Road to A324 Lockfield Drive from 1 to 5 October, again between 2000 and 0600hr The bus companies have been informed of this closure.

At the time of responding, I am not aware of any other closures within the town centre area, however in the future the County Council may receive funding to carry out highway works that necessitate a road closure, the utilities may serve a Notice on the County Council indicating that they wish to carry out works to their apparatus or install apparatus that would need a road closure to carry out the works safely.

Development related works might also require sections of road to be closed. In an emergency the highway network within the town centre could be closed for a number of reasons, including utilities such as gas or water leaks, major highway defect, or a police incident.