



**LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(WOKING)**

**MEMBER QUESTIONS  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008**

**1. Question from Councillor Derek McCrum, Woking Borough Council:**

What is the current situation concerning the ditch around the flood plain of South Woking from the farm at Moor Lane to the former Unwin's Printing Works in Old Woking?

**Answer from Estates and Property Management, Surrey County Council:**

Ditch Maintenance: - maintenance of the ditch is the responsibility of Estates Planning & Management service within SCC. The smallholding estate at Moor Lane is managed by our consultants Humberts and ditch clearance is scheduled to go ahead next spring. Prices have been obtained from contractors and an order is expected to be placed in the next couple of weeks but because of the time of year the work will be scheduled for next spring.

**2. Question from Bryan Cross, Woking Borough Council:**

Let me know what action will be taken following the recent speed monitoring exercise carried out in Sythwood by the Police and Sythwood school children can he also assure me that this is being taken seriously and that action will be taken before there is a road accident in the vicinity of the School?

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

A school speed watch was held on Sythwood between the 6 and 8 October 2008 with 60 students from Sythwood Primary School taking part.

Sythwood is subject to a speed limit of 30mph and normally, the threshold speed that vehicles being stopped are set at 35mph or over. However, this

was lowered to 34mph or above in this instance due to the vast majority of vehicles traveling below 35mph.

Over the two days a total of 64 vehicles were stopped, with the highest speed recorded at 42 mph, 4 vehicles were traveling over 40 mph.

From the data collected there is no serious speeding issue in Sythwood, however the road will continue to be monitored.

**3. Question from Bryan Cross, Woking Borough Council:**

Let me know when the tree roots that are causing a hazard to children and adults who walk on the path alongside Sythwood Primary School and its playing fields will be removed.

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

Nick Roach, Neighbourhood Officer for Woking Borough Council has provided the following statement: "This issue has been ongoing for sometime and I believe it has now reached a conclusion. The trees within the school grounds next to the path are going to be (if have not already been) removed and Woking Repairs Service will repair the path.

(The delay has been due to the path being on WBC Housing land but is a well used right of way for the public, thus there seemed to be the potential for it to be adopted by SCC Highways. In addition, the cause of the damage was a row of Leylandi trees on the edge school border next to the path)".

The Local Highways Manager stated that the question over adoption of the path would require further discussion.

**4. Question from Bryan Cross, Woking Borough Council:**

Let me know the progress on a pedestrian crossing in Sythwood adjacent to the Salvation Army building.

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

The County Council's Local Transport Plan 'Assessment Pool' and programme does not indicate any pedestrian crossing scheme for Sythwood (as at 1 December 2008). If a scheme were to be included it would be the subject of a bid submission by the County Councillor for the area.

**5. Question from Geoff Marlow Surrey County Council:**

The Neighbourhood Police for Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford have started delivering a leaflet called Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter. In

the first issue and on page 2 it says "PC Phil Beach surveyed the Oakcroft Road/Old Woking Road junction with Casualty Reduction Officer Chris Wilkes who came up with a number of suggestions which he presented to Surrey County Council. We understand the council is reluctant to change anything but will review the siting of yellow lines." Apparently this was about inconsiderate parking at school drop off and pick up times for The Marist School.

Will the County Council please give me a copy of the suggestions made by PC Chris Wilkes? and the response given to the police, and was there a reason for not telling the Member for The Byfleets about these communications?

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

The County Council has not received any written correspondence regarding this location. The Casualty Reduction Officer from Surrey Police approached Kevin Patching of Surrey County Council suggesting that double yellow lines could be placed on one side of Oakcroft Road, allowing vehicles to park on the opposite side.

However, although the issue of parking around this junction has been raised previously whenever officers have been out to this site there has not been a problem. There has been parking close to the junction but not actually on it.

In the last 'round' of amendments, proposed double yellow lines around the junctions of Oakcroft Road / Trevoise Avenue and Oakcroft Road / Oakcroft Close were agreed by this committee and these will be implemented in the near future.

The A245 / Oakcroft Road junction will be monitored and if parking at this location does become an issue, then the introduction of double yellow lines would be recommended for inclusion in the next Annual Waiting Restriction Review item that would be presented to this Local Committee.