

**Surrey County Council's Local Committee
(Woking)
Agenda**

Thursday 22 October 2009

Quadrant Court
35 Guildford Road
Woking, Surrey, GU22 7QQ

Public question time
from 6:00pm approx. to 6.30pm
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Notice of meeting

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Mrs Elizabeth Compton
(SCC, St Johns and Brookwood;
Chairman)

Mr Ben Carasco
(SCC, Horsell; Vice Chairman)

Mr Mohammed Amin
(SCC, Woking Central)

Mrs Liz Bowes
(SCC, Pyrford)

Cllr Tony Branagan
(WBC, Horsell West)

Cllr Bryan Cross
(WBC, Goldsworth East)

Mr Will Forster
(SCC, Woking South)

Cllr John Kingsbury
(WBC, St Johns and Hook Heath)

Mr Geoff Marlow
(SCC, The Byfleets)

Cllr Derek McCrum
(WBC, Kingfield and Westfield)

Cllr Glynis Preshaw
(WBC, Brookwood)

Cllr Richard Sharp
(WBC, Knaphill)

Mrs Diana Smith
(SCC, Knaphill)

Cllr Richard Wilson
(WBC, West Byfleet)

Woking Borough Council Appointed Substitutes:

Cllr Ashley Bowes (WBC, Pyrford)

Cllr Stewart Brown (WBC, Kingfield and Westfield)

Cllr Ian Johnson (WBC, Mount Hermon West)

Cllr Rob Leach (WBC, Goldsworth East)

These are the formal papers for a formal meeting of the Surrey County Council local committee (Woking). Members of the public are very welcome to come. The whole meeting is open to the public, except for confidential items. If there are any confidential items they will be in part two of the agenda and clearly marked as confidential.

Members of the public do not have the right to speak at formal meetings of the Surrey County Council local committee.

Members of the public can send in questions. Formal questions and the replies are recorded in the minutes of the meeting. These are the rules for formal questions from members of the public:

- Questions can be submitted by any member of the public who is an elector of the Surrey County Council area.
- The question must relate to a matter within the committee's terms of reference.

- Questions cannot be asked on matters that are confidential or exempt under the Local Government Access to Information Act 1985 or on planning applications.
- Questions should relate to general policy and not to detail.
- Each elector can ask only one question.
- No more than 8 questions are allowed overall. If more than 8 questions are received, the Chairman will usually take the first 8. However, if two of them cover the same subject, the Chairman may combine these into one question to make room for questions on another subject.
- Questions must be received by the Local Partnerships Team up to 12 noon four working days before the committee meeting. They can be sent in any written form, including email.
- You do not have the right to speak at the meeting, except to read out your question if you wish to.
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Committee members are reminded that under Standing Orders, any member who has an interest must declare it. If the interest is personal and prejudicial the member must also withdraw from the meeting during the discussion of that item, except in the circumstances referred to in Standing Order 62. If members do have a personal and/or prejudicial interest in any item that is to appear before the committee please contact the Local Committee and Partnership Officer for a declaration of interest form. A record of any items handled under delegated powers since the last meeting of the committee will be available for inspection at the meeting.

If you have any questions about anything in these notes, or anything else about the Surrey County Council local committee, please contact:

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Local Committee (Woking) Agenda

Part One - in public

1. Apologies for absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 8 July 2009

To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the local committee (Woking) and agree that the Chairman signs the minutes.

The minutes will be available in Quadrant Court half an hour before the start of the meeting.

3. Declarations of interests

To receive declarations of personal/prejudicial interests from members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

Declarations of interest should be made on a form available from the Local Committee and Partnership Officer before the meeting.

Members are reminded that in accordance with the constitution any member declaring a prejudicial interest is required to withdraw from the meeting unless he/she has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee. This also applies to Woking Borough Council members when they are voting members of the local committee, as they are for transportation matters.

4. Petitions

To receive the following petitions under Standing Order 65:

- 1 To close Warbury Lane
- 2 To keep Warbury Lane open

5. Written Public Questions

To answer any written questions from local government electors within Woking district.

6. Written Members' Questions

To receive any written questions from members under Standing Order 47.

Executive Items

7. Community Safety Annual Report

[Carolyn Rowe/Camilla Edmiston/Lynette Shanks]

(Approximate starting time 7.00pm)

To receive an update on the work of the Safer Woking Partnership and plans for the coming year.

8. Woking Cycle Town – Cycle Woking Progress Report and Shared Use Routes

[Paul Fishwick]

(Approximate starting time 7.20pm)

To note the progress of the Cycle Woking Project and agree the proposed shared use routes.

9. Allocation of Controlled Parking Zone Revenue Surplus – Cycle Woking Initiative

[Ian Haller/Paul Fishwick]

(Approximate starting time 7.40pm)

To seek committee approval to determine how to use the Controlled Parking Zone operational surplus.

10. 2008/09 Devolved Local Transport Plan and Local Allocation Budget

[Ian Haller]

(Approximate starting time 7.55pm)

To report details of the 2008/09 devolved local transport plan and local allocation budget overspends.

11. Road Layout Amendments at Lockfield Drive/Well Lane Junction

[Ian Haller]

(Approximate starting time 8.20pm)

To consider the inclusion of amendments to the road layout at the traffic signal junction of Lockfield Drive and Well Lane, which could be incorporated into planned resurfacing works in the 2009/10 financial year.

12. Annual Maintenance Plan (2009/10)

[Steve Child]

(Approximate starting time 8.35pm)

To report the annual highway maintenance plan (revenue) for West Area for the 2009/10 financial year.

13. Update on Warbury Lane (Agenda Item only)

[Ian Haller]

(Approximate starting time: 8.55pm)

In response to questions raised at the local committee on the 8 July 2009 the Local Highway Manager agreed to set out in more detail the requirements of considering a road closure for Warbury Lane.

In order for a proposal to receive proper consideration a feasibility study would be needed to assess the impact of a closure and to determine if it is the most viable option available to overcome the problem raised. This would cost in the region of £10,000.

The study, at a minimum, would need to look at the traffic impact on Chobham Road (south of Garibaldi Crossroads), Barrs Lane, Limecroft Road, A322 Guildford/Bagshot Roads, Anchor Hill, High Street Knaphill, Chobham Road (north of Garibaldi crossroads), Church Lane, Clews Lane and Queens Road, Bisley.

We would also need to consider the specific impact on the following junctions: Chobham Road/Limecroft Road, A322/Limecroft Road, A322/Chobham Road, A322/Clews Lane/Queens Road, and Anchor Hill/Lower Guildford Road.

An assessment of traffic collisions in the area under review would also need to be undertaken.

Whilst a closure would more than likely achieve some aims of Surrey's Local Transport Plan other similar solutions may be as, or even more appropriate. The study would consider any other options relating to the problem and consider these in turn, providing cost estimates of any options.

Surrey, as highways authority has powers to promote and implement traffic regulation orders to restrict traffic movement, including road closures. Promoting a permanent order for a road closure would require committee approval, which in this case would be needed by both the local committees of Woking and Surrey Heath. It is possible to propose an experimental order in place of a permanent order. Again the consent of both committees would be required. Consultations would be needed for any proposal but it is already known that Bisley Parish Council are against any proposal to close Warbury Lane.

14. Update on Old Woking Road (Agenda Item only)

[Ian Haller]

(Approximate starting time: 9.05pm)

Surrey County Council officers met with a representative of Surrey Police on the morning of 16 September to observe the school crossing patroller operating outside The Marist Catholic Primary School on the A245 Old Woking Road. Unfortunately, the patroller was absent due to illness but it meant that officers could observe parents and children crossing the road without any assistance.

Traffic volumes were high, as they usually are in the morning peak. Most parents were able to cross quite easily as drivers of the slow moving or queuing traffic allowed gaps to open for pedestrians to use. The greatest problem and potential danger came from motorcyclists who were able to overtake the slow moving and queuing traffic but who were not always able to see the pedestrians, who were masked by the vehicles that the motorcyclists were overtaking. However, the speed of these motorcycles was sufficiently low for their riders to be able to react in time.

Several parents commented to the officers that there are even greater problems during the middle of the day when the nursery classes leave, in the afternoon when the main school ends and on occasions when there are after-school clubs etc.

A second site visit took place a week later to view the situation in the afternoon, when school ended. In the afternoon, the traffic on Old Woking Road is lighter, flows more easily and is faster (the morning "school run" coincides with the main morning peak whereas in the afternoon the two are separate). This means that there is less likelihood of drivers stopping to let parents cross and if they do, it tends to be from a higher speed.

During the second visit, the school crossing patroller was operating. He is a very confident and competent patroller, who makes good eye contact with drivers to indicate his intention before emerging into the carriageway. He is also particularly good at ensuring that the pedestrians, and in particular the school children, remain on the footway until both directions of traffic have stopped and he is in the middle of the road when he allows them to cross. Like most school crossing patrols he does occasionally and regrettably experience "drive-throughs" when drivers fail to stop but his careful observation of the traffic and the eye contact referred to earlier allow him to identify those drivers who have not fully acknowledged his presence or who are less likely to stop. No difficulties were seen during the visit.

The crossing patrol operates on a straight section of road and sightlines are generally good although there are a number of overhanging, mature trees on each side of the road which have the potential to inhibit sightlines for traffic coming from the east.

The mini-roundabout junction of Old Woking Road and Sheerwater Road is approximately 110m to the west of the patrol site and the Oakcroft Road junction is only 20m or so to the west of the crossing point. The existing school warning signs and flashing lights require some maintenance. It should be noted that in the event of a signal controlled crossing being introduced, the existing flashing warning lights would have to be removed.

Most of the school associated parking takes place either on Sheerwater Road (no requirement to use the crossing) or in Oakcroft Road (a major generator of crossing users). No parking was observed in Oakcroft Road in close proximity to the junction with Old Woking Road, although allegedly this does sometimes take place. None was observed on Old Woking Road itself and the existing waiting restrictions and the very nature of the road mean that it is highly unlikely that this would take place.

As indicated at the last committee a crossing outside the school has been secured through a planning agreement relating to the Broadoaks development. The provision of the crossing is linked to the third phase of development. Currently only the first phase has been constructed but this has not been completely finished as the developer went into receivership. The administrator of the site is currently in negotiations to sell it on. Whilst there is a bond secured for the first phase this cannot be used to secure early commencement of work relating to the later phases.

Committee members will determine scheme priorities in due course for its future construction programme.

15. Allocating Local Committee Funding: Members' Allocations

[Carolyn Rowe]

(Approximate starting time: 9.15pm)

To agree bids made to the 2009/10 Members Allocation budget

16. Update (For information – no report)

[Carolyn Rowe]

(Approximate starting time 9.25pm)

Martyrs Lane Community Recycling Centre (CRC)

Surrey Waste Management Ltd acting for Surrey County Council have appointed COLAS as the preferred bidder for the CRC development works.

The work is currently being held up by a boundary dispute and we are working as quickly as possible to try and resolve this. Depending on the outcome of this, it is possible that some minor changes to the design of the site will be required.

Surrey Waste Management are currently in discussion with the Waste Planning Authority to understand what implications this may have in respect of the current planning consent.

Timescales: after boundary dispute resolved, assuming current planning permission is valid

contractor mobilised to site 6 weeks

construction period 26 weeks

If a new planning application is required add 16 weeks to the above timescales.

Bus Review

Surrey County Council's Cabinet made the decision on 29 September 2009 to initiate a public consultation on a county-wide review of subsidies for local bus services. Information about the aims and principles behind the Bus Review is available on line at www.surreycc.gov.uk/busreview. Details of local proposals being consulted upon will be available from mid-November. The consultation will run until January 2010 and will include displays at Woking Library and information in Woking Borough Council's offices.

Airtrack

The Airtrack report went to Surrey County Council cabinet on 29 September 2009 with the following comments from the local committee:

The local committee agreed with the recommendations presented but wished to add the following comments;

1. The local committee for Woking offered support for the scheme and see it as an exciting opportunity.
2. Concerned that train operating times (0500 to 2400hr) and possible 'premium fares' may not release the potential mode shift that the scheme could bring.
3. Include a Virginia Water stop on an 'Airtrack Service' or the reinstatement of High Street (Staines) station to improve the rail link with Staines.
4. Egham level crossings require the mitigation measures introduced before the service operates.
5. Include in xii recommendation the level crossing down times.

Farnborough Airport

Following the recent publication of their Masterplan for Farnborough Airport, the operators (TAG) submitted a planning application to Rushmoor Borough Council to increase the number of aircraft movements at the airport. Residents and businesses had six weeks to make comments and this consultation ended on 27 July 2009.

Rushmoor Borough Council is now considering the large amount of technical information submitted with the application, along with the representations that have been received from public consultation. No date has yet been set for a committee meeting to determine the application, but an announcement will be made nearer the time, and those who made comments will be notified.

For details of all Surrey County Council's consultations please go to www.surreycc.gov.uk/consultations

17. Forward Programme

[Ian Haller/ Carolyn Rowe]
(approximate starting time: 9.30pm)

To agree the forward programme for the local committee.

18. Exclusion of the Press and Public

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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