

Supplementary Agenda

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ITEM 7 Written Public Questions

We welcome you to

Waverley Local Committee

Your Councillors, Your Community
and the Issues that Matter to You



Venue

Location: Waverley Council
Chamber, The Burys,
Godalming GU7 1HR

Date: Friday, 14 December
2018

Time: 10.00 am



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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

7 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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To answer any questions from residents or businesses within the Waverley Borough area in accordance with Standing Order 69. Notice should be given in writing or by email to the Partnership Committee Officer by 12 noon four working days before the meeting.



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SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY) 14 December 2018

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WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. Farnham Town Councillor George Hesse will ask the following question:

“When is The Borough in Farnham going to be properly resurfaced? As Ward Councillor for Castle Ward, where The Borough is, I need to know, as residents continually ask me or make negative comments about the state it’s in?”

Frank Apicella, SCC Area Highway Manager (South West), will give the following answer:

“The Borough was due to be resurfaced as part of the Winter Damage maintenance programme that is currently being carried out this year. However, this scheme has now been deferred from this year due to Southern Gas Network carrying out essential gas works in various locations in Farnham town centre. Once these gas works have been completed Surrey County Council will try to reschedule The Borough resurfacing in the 2019 Winter Damage maintenance programme.”

2. Waverley Borough Councillors Andrew Bolton and Paul Follows will ask the following question:

“Waverley Borough Council has recently completed the construction of some council houses on Ockford Ridge, Godalming and as a consequence some roads have changed. The change appears to encourage faster traffic, has led to poorer sight lines and inconvenient parking. Can officers review the current road layout and consider whether traffic calming measures and yellow lines be introduced?”

Richard Cooper, SCC Principal Transport Development Planner, and Jack Roberts, SCC Parking Team Engineer, will give the following answer:

“Alterations to the highway at Ockford Ridge have been subject to our rigorous technical and safety audits. The improvements have provided a safer environment for pedestrians and improved bus stop waiting facilities. There is no evidence that the changes to the highway have caused an increase in vehicle speeds.

Parking in and around Ockford Ridge was assessed as part of the 2018 Waverley Parking Review for possible parking restrictions. Whilst there were

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some issues of concern regarding parked vehicles, particularly regarding bus access and damage to the edge of the green, it was very difficult to determine a parking scheme which would be able to address the current issues, and also fully manage all of the inevitable displacement of parking that would occur.

The main reason for this was the fact that this entire area of Godalming is completely unrestricted, and there are several bends and junctions in close proximity of each other that would all be justifiable for restrictions, extending well beyond the current problem areas. Therefore an extensive, and somewhat highly excessive amount of double yellow lines would have been needed to truly satisfy the current parking issues and all likely displacement, otherwise the problem would simply be moved from one adjoining part of the green to another.

Additionally, through conversations with local residents during the review, it wasn't fully determined whether or not there was an issue of several vehicles belonging to one individual resident or property of Ockford Ridge, possibly involving a local business. Therefore it was felt that the issue would be better being monitored for the time being, and possibly investigated and dealt with on a more local level, potentially through local PCSOs."

3. Martin Price will ask the following question:

"Would it be possible to have the double yellow lines proposed for Frith Hill Road, Godalming (North) under 3.8 (map 24084) installed as soon as possible under a Temporary TRO, as happened on the adjacent Deanery Road during the autumn of 2016 (with their permanent installation dealt with in the proposals 3.8.11 and 3.8.12 discussed at the Local Committee Meeting on 22 September 2017, and later agreed)? Further Deanery Road parking restrictions from the 2017 Parking Review installed around end-August 2018 have been very successful in improving safety with improved sight lines, and have been much appreciated by local residents, but have, as predicted, had the effect of displacing parked vehicles onto Frith Hill Road, filling the lower straight section, with vehicles then parking dangerously on the downhill section of the long blind bend. There is the potential for a head-on collision at 30+ mph closing speed on this blind bend and residents fear an accident in the inevitably long period until double yellow lines can be installed under the present proposals?"

Jack Roberts, SCC Parking Team Engineer, will give the following answer:

"The proposed double yellow lines in Frith Hill Road are part of the 2018 Waverley parking review, and in response to concerns raised by residents. They will be advertised in the new year along with all other restrictions in Waverley. Bearing in mind there is still legal and advertisement work involved with Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO), there would be very little gained in terms of time in this case, and advertising restrictions separately from parking reviews comes at a significantly higher cost."

4. Janet Crowe will ask the following question:

“What is the plan to prevent this damage from repeatedly reoccurring due to the traffic, especially buses and coaches, being forced to mount the old pavements due to recklessly parked cars outside the Old Vicarage, Primrose/Phlox Cottages and sometimes even further down towards Studio Cottage?”

Background from Janet Crowe:

Recurrent damage to the ancient pavements in The Street, Womersley due to traffic being forced to mount them has been going on for years, (we have all the background correspondence on the subject!) and is just getting worse and worse, so bad in fact that recently an ambulance could not even get through due to recklessly parked vehicles on the other side of the road. SCC Highways keeps having to make repairs and foot the bill for a situation which needs more than this sticking plaster solution. It is essential that vehicles are prohibited from parking in the problem area so the only strategic solution is surely restricted parking by the use of double yellow lines from the Old Vicarage to Primrose/Phlox Cottages and possibly even further down towards Studio Cottage as we have photo evidence that people do actually park on this bend. See photos which shows that one of the repairs to the pavement (just done in November) has already failed totally as a result of traffic mounting due to parking on other side - also photographed.



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Jack Roberts, SCC Parking Team Engineer, will give the following answer:

“Double yellow lines on The Street, Womersley have been proposed as part of the 2018 Waverley Parking Review to directly address this issue. Please see committee item 11 for detailed information.”

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WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS

No member questions have been received.