

# Supplementary Agenda

6.30 pm

Monday, 15 July 2019

Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames  
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- **Members questions and officer responses**
  - **Public questions and officer responses**
  - **Task Group nominations**

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- 7 WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS** (Pages 3 - 6)
- To receive any written questions from members under Standing Order 13. The deadline for members' questions is 12 noon four working days before the meeting.
- 8 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS** (Pages 7 - 10)
- To answer any questions from residents or businesses within Spelthorne borough area in accordance with Standing Order 14.2. Notice should be given in writing or by email to the Partnership Committee Officer by 12 noon four working days before the meeting.
- This item concludes the public participation section of the meeting.
- 10 HIGHWAYS UPDATE (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION, FOR DECISION)** (Pages 11 - 44)
- To receive an update from the Highways Area Team Manager (North East).
- 14 TASK GROUPS & MEMBERSHIPS ON EXTERNAL BODIES (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION, FOR DECISION)** (Pages 45 - 46)
- This report outlines the Committee's task groups and their membership on other bodies and requests that the Committee agree on membership for this for the municipal year 2019/20



## **SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE – 15 July, 2019**

### **AGENDA ITEM 7**

#### **WRITTEN MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

**A question has been raised by Mr Robert Evans**

**Can the members have an update on what is happening regarding the old Oast House site?**

#### **Officer response:**

Spelthorne Borough Council have expressed an interest in acquiring this site and the negotiations are ongoing. Nothing further can be shared at the time of writing due to commercial sensitivities although the appropriate Borough officers will share updates with the Partnership Officer if and when there is progress.

If there has been any further progress in the interim time then the Partnership Officer will provide a verbal update at the meeting.

**The following questions were submitted by Cllr Tom Fidler**

- 1) Whilst the Eco-Park is in the commissioning phase, the site is now 18 months behind schedule. Despite these delays, local residents are already suffering from the damage caused by heavy-duty vehicles, an issue which is only going to get worse and that patchwork repairs have not been sufficient on. Can this committee prioritise the roads local to the site, with particular reference to Charlton Lane and the Upper Halliford bypass as well as other affected roads and thereafter being maintained in good order?**

#### **Officer response:**

Neither Charlton Lane nor the Upper Halliford Bypass feature on any countywide investment programme, as neither road is currently a priority from a county wide point of view. The County Council's capital investment programmes, together with details of the road selection process, are available on the County Council's website

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/spelthorne](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/spelthorne)

here: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/horizon-highway-maintenance-investment-programme>.

The Joint Committee receives annual budgets that may be used for road maintenance, and could prioritise the sites mentioned. Officers would recommend that any investment ahead of completion of the Eco Park could potentially be premature. Officers would also recommend that any investment decisions take into account priorities across the Borough. The decision to priorities sites for investment rests with the Joint Committee.

Surrey County Council will continue to keep these roads safe through our regular programme of safety inspections and repairs to any Safety Defects we become aware of.

- 2) The Community Infrastructure Levy Task Group, established alongside the Joint Committee has no fixed meeting schedule and appears not to have met recently. The subsequent changes in the leaders cabinet now means that the Spelthorne Portfolios have now changed and the Portfolio for Planning and Economic Development no longer exists. Can this Committee clarify allocations based on the new Spelthorne Cabinet and that the Terms of Reference for that task group and the role of the Joint Committee in this process are discussed and amended as appropriate?**

Officer response:

The portfolio referred to above is currently *vacant* not deleted and will be appointed to by the Leader of the Borough Council once he has assessed successors to this position. Memberships to task groups and external bodies and the respective Terms of Reference will be discussed by the Committee as part of item 14 of the agenda as it does at the beginning of each municipal year and members will have the opportunity to discuss any changes that they think need to be made.

- 3) The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Task group has now not presented in two years on the plans for the reinvestment of this money. Can this committee, who are responsible for the allocation of spending of the Community Infrastructure Levy get an update on how it is currently being spent and any decisions that have been made in the last 2 years that may require our consideration as decisions are not clear in the current structure and not visible from the minutes of past meetings?**

Officer response:

As per their Terms of Reference, the CIL Task Group meets *when needed*.

The CIL Task Group last met on 21 February 2017 to discuss committing CIL monies of £356,000 to the Wider Staines Sustainable Travel Package, which was agreed by the Joint Committee on 20 March 2017. The Wider Staines STP covers seven schemes across Stanwell, Stanwell Moor, Staines and Ashford. A number of the schemes have now been completed and an amount of funding was received from

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Heathrow Airport Limited (HAL) to support the project, particularly for the works around Stanwell and Stanwell Moor. The CIL commitment will be used for completing the remaining schemes, one of which being works on Town Lane (from the A30 to Park Road) which is due to commence in Autumn 2019. The CIL money will be paid on completion once invoices for the works have been submitted.

The Task Group has not met since then as the CIL monies were still accruing and we had no further bids to consider. Now that the CIL monies have grown, officers at Spelthorne have set up an internal officer group to meet infrastructure providers, assist them in developing their CIL bids and to advise the CIL Task Group when bids are made. So far they have met representatives from healthcare, highways and leisure with future meetings planned to cover education. One of these providers is now in a position to finalise their CIL bid and officers will be convening a Task Group meeting in the near future to discuss whether the bid is recommended to the Joint Committee.

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## SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE – 15 July, 2019

### AGENDA ITEM 8

#### WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A question has been received from Mr Andrew McLuskey

**Given Heathrow's proposal to build a 'mega' car park on land currently owned by CEMEX (and located in the Stanwell Woods/Quarry area) and given also that this self same land was recently approved by Surrey County Council for the creation of a local nature reserve as a quid pro quo for CEMEX continuing to trade there, will the Committee point out to Heathrow that, quite apart from other objectionable features of the car park scheme, this seemingly will make it impossible to them to proceed?**

#### Officer response:

County council officer response:

All sand and gravel extraction has ceased and the site is in the process of phased restoration involving inert infill, together with a recycling facility on site.

The Stanwell Quarry site is essentially like the letter L lying on its side with the long edge bordering Heathrow, and the short edge at the western end.

Essentially, the long edge is being restored to an agricultural end use, whilst the western short edge is being restored to an amenity and nature conservation end use – reflecting both the remains of the historic garden of the former Stanwell Place and the non-statutory SNCI nature conservation protective designation. Heathrow's proposals do not now affect this part of the site, and so the protection and enhancement of such interest should not be lost through the proposals and indeed we expect Cemex to deliver the approved restoration scheme here.

It is the agricultural restoration, and 'green wedge' between the airport and residential properties of Stanwell that is affected and will be lost. Additionally, the most recent time extension permission for the recycling and infilling did include the north west part of the site changing from agriculture to a newly created extension to the historic gardens and amenity area, and this would be lost and we have flagged that this would need to be included in the Heathrow mitigation/compensation package.

Borough council officer response:

It is for the Development Consent Order (DCO) process to examine the acceptability of the proposals for this site. Both the Borough and County councils have consistently raised concerns over the impact of developing this site for the parkway, in terms of the proximity to communities and the loss of open space, and are seeking to ensure the loss is compensated for in a meaningful manner.

Information on the DCO process can be found using this link:

<https://www.heathrowconsultation.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/39434-Bri05e-DCO-Process-Information-Paper.pdf>

### **Mrs Caroline Nichols has submitted a question**

At the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Spelthorne Council meeting I asked a question about plastic waste in the local environment, (SBC minute ref 172/18).

I referenced the Blue Planet 2 series and asked “.....Is it now time for the Council to engage with its residents and co-ordinate a mass participation clean-up programme in the Borough? How is the Council responding to the initiatives in the BBC’s national Plastics Watch campaign?”

I did not feel that the answer I received then addressed the matter directly and as some time has now passed, would like to pose another question to get an update on the situation.

The Surrey Waste’s Partnership ‘A Single- use Plastic Strategy for Surrey’ has now been published and contains within it references to supporting local communities and promoting local events.

My question is: What does ‘Support’ and ‘Promotion’ mean in practice and what monitoring will the Joint Committee put in place with regards to this initiative?

### **Officer’s response:**

Spelthorne has considerable engagement with its communities and resident groups in regards to supporting litter picks. We actively support Friends of Parks groups, including those in Staines and Sunbury; Resident Associations, such as Ashford North RA, Stanwell and Charlton Village; Activity groups such as Kayak & Canoe clubs, Staines Guides and Environmental groups such as Thames21 in organised litter picks. We have also received funding from the High Street Community Clean-Up

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fund to support these communities with the appropriate equipment to run such events. If there are more groups and communities who are looking for support our Neighbourhood Services team would be happy to hear from them.

We organise our own clean up days on our conservation and commons sites through volunteer and work days, and run partnership action days with the police, housing associations, community payback and local residents which include tackling litter and fly tipping. Recent action days have taken place at Viola Avenue, Sheep Walk, Dutch Barn Close and along the River Colne.

In May we promoted Keep Britain Tidy's Campaign on our digital and social media channels, highlighting our offer of support for any groups or communities who wanted to set up a clean-up in their area.

To help educate the next generation, we organise the annual Junior Citizenship Event involving our local schools, which includes a workshop on the issues around littering and fly-tipping and this year will include single-use plastics.

Spelthorne's response to the issue of plastic waste has been to develop its own Single-use Plastics Policy and Action Plan, which ties in with the wider Surrey Strategy and this was adopted by full Council in June 2019.

Continued promotion and support for local litter pick events and wider campaigns, such as those organised by Keep Britain tidy, is one of the actions. Promotion includes making use of our communication channels and contacts to advertise events and support includes the offer of equipment, collection and officer time to make these events a success.

The Constitution allows the Joint Committee to make comments on policy, strategy, services, priority community work, or other matters specifically referred to it by the County Council or the Borough Council but does not have any executive powers devolved to it regarding the issues outlined here.

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**SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE: 15 JULY 2019**

**Item 14 Representation on Joint Committee Partnerships, External Bodies and Task Groups 2019-20**

**ANNEX 3**

**SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE TASK GROUPS & EXTERNAL BODIES:  
Membership nominations.**

**External bodies:**

**Safer, Stronger, Spelthorne Partnership Board** (Community Safety Partnership)

Richard Walsh (County member in chairmanship role as set out in ToR)

**Early Help Advisory Board**

Richard Walsh, Maureen Attewell (Incumbents to remain as recommended)

**Health & Well-being Board**

Maureen Attewell (vacancy for a County Member)

**Joint Committee Task groups**

**Parking**

Robert Evans  
Tim Evans  
Chris Bateson  
(Vacancy for a Borough Member)

**Transport**

Naz Islam  
Sinead Mooney  
Ian Harvey

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Ian Harvey  
Richard Walsh

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