

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)**

**DATE: 22 September 2014**

**SUBJECT: WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**DIVISION: Horley West Ward**



**1. Question from Cllr. Alex Horwood**

**There is currently a severe shortage of parking spaces at Meath Green Infants School, situated in Kiln Lane, Horley, Surrey, RH6 8JG.**

**Directly adjacent to the school, there is some open land, which is owned by Surrey County Council. As a temporary measure, could this land be used in order to ease the congestion on Kiln Lane as well as on the access road managed by Estates and Mallard Close, from which it feeds off?**

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

**The County are aware that the traffic situation at the infant school is as advised by Cllr. Horwood. The position remains much the same as set out by Linda Kemeny Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning, Surrey County Councillor - Woking South West, in her response to Cllr. Horwood on the 25 October 2013, when a similar question was raised by the Cllr regarding the parking at the school.**

**It is confirmed that the land still remains in the ownership of Surrey County Council and there are no plans at present to develop or dispose of its interest and currently the site is secured in order to deter incursion by third parties to avoid unauthorised access and nuisance to the surrounding residents.**

**The only funding available is to meet Basic Need i.e. the expansion of school places and in this instance the Schools and Learning directorate have confirmed that there is no planned or forecast expansion envisaged for Meath Green Infant School and accordingly there is no source of funding available to meet such a project to create additional car parking spaces for teachers and a drop off point for parents.**

**Any proposal by the school to create additional parking on this land would need to incorporate appropriate security fencing and gates to enable the area to be closed off outside of school hours in order to deter incursions. It is also considered most likely, that the application would come under close scrutiny and may be challenged by planners on the grounds that it would conflict with planning and highways policy in respect of the provision of parking and drop off points at schools.**

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