

**Surrey Heath Local Area Committee****11<sup>th</sup> December 2014****Open Public Question Time**

There were 19 members of the public present.

**1. Cliff Hilton, Frimley Green Resident**

I refer to the Sturt Road Bridge in Frimley where we have had 6 weeks of misery with the road under the railway bridge flooding. What is the plan for a permanent solution? My concern is that with winter coming, this will only get worse.

**Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)**

This is a complex drainage issue involving Highways, Thames Water and Network Rail systems and with drains, culverts and open ditches draining into the Blackwater river.

Investigations show that for several years now, Network Rail have not carried out maintenance. We are engaging with all partners and have tried to clear the water and put in remedial measures.

The water is currently gone, as a result of these measures and we are continuing to work with partners to try to find a more permanent resolution.

This is just a temporary cure, so we are not confident that it won't flood again. We are aware that this has a big impact on the community and that it is a long diversion to avoid this bridge. We are doing all that we can to resolve this issue.

**2. Murray Rowlands, local resident**

I refer to the statement made by Cllr Hodge over the lack of childrens school places in Surrey – will this effect children in Surrey Heath?

**Reply from the Chair**

The statement highlighted that the number of school places required over the next 3 to 5 years is a concern in Surrey. I am not aware that this will be a massive issue in Surrey Heath, but with a rising population, this may change. There is currently one school that I know of that is over subscribed.

**Reply from Valerie White, SHBC Cllr**

Bagshot Junior School are expanding in preparation for this.

**Reply from Bill Chapman, SCC Cllr**

Camberley East primary and middle schools are fine and Collingwood College is under capacity

**Mike Goodman, SCC Cllr**

Surrey Heath should not really face a problem as the birth rate here is lower than elsewhere in the County. David Hodge was highlighting a County wide problem to Central Government in a plea for funding to provide the additional school places required, but Surrey Heath should not be massively affected.

## ITEM 2

### ***DRAFT MINUTES – to be formally agreed at the next meeting***

#### **Denis Fuller, SCC Cllr**

The County will need £215 million over the next 5 years to provide the 13,000 school places required. In addition, some children may come over from London Boroughs into Surrey as school places there are not available.

#### **Edward Hawkins, Local resident**

The Deepcut planning application includes provision for a new school.

#### **3. Edward Hawkins, Local resident**

I note that the County Contractors have resurfaced Holly Hedge Road, but want to ask why wasn't Holly Hedge Close included and done at the same time?

#### **Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)**

Both Holly Hedge Road and Holly Hedge Close were included in the works programme. I agree that it would appear to be efficient to do both at the same time, however I will have to check with the team why it wasn't completed and come back to you outside the meeting. We are very pleased to report that we did get 13 out of 16 identified roads completed under the programme.

#### **4. David Davis, Windlesham resident**

We are working on a parish plan and have surveyed retailers who complain about parking on the junction of Chertsey Road and Updown Hill. What can be done to address this issue?

#### **Reply from Mike Goodman, SCC Cllr**

We are aware of the issue. I had a meeting with the parking team and we plan to have 4/5 bays marked as 1 hour parking with yellow lines on the corner by the chemist shop. We will not be putting yellow lines on Updown Hill, except on junctions where it is dangerous. Traffic calming on Updown Hill has moved rat running into Church Road, so we are now looking at that area too. I will be linking with the Parish on this.

#### **5. Cyril Pavey, local resident**

I refer to traffic congestion at Frimley Park Hospital. Pedestrian access to the hospital from Gilbert Road is now restricted to employees only so pedestrians have to walk further round – can we get this gate open again?

#### **Reply from the Chair**

Denis and I will raise this with the hospital.

#### **6. Josephine Hawkins, SHBC Cllr**

What is being done about surface flooding at the Toshiba roundabout?

#### **Reply from the Chair**

The gully has been cleared which should help.

#### **7. Murray Rowland, local resident**

I refer to the new flats being built on the classic cinema site – where will the residents cars enter and egress – the road is congested there.

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**Reply from the Chair**

SHBC Cllrs will answer this outside of the meeting for you.

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