

Surrey Heath Local Area Committee**2 July 2015****Open Public Question Time**

Public questions were audio recorded.
There were X members of the public present.

1. Statement from SHBC Councillor Vivienne Chapman

The rural area of the Borough may be affected by a burst water main at Egham, with a loss of water from the reservoir. Affinity Water are working on a solution, but a major incident has been declared as this could affect up to 8,000 properties in the Surrey Heath rural area.

Water tankers are being deployed and bottled water is being delivered to vulnerable residents. Everything is being done to ensure that the impact of this is minimal. Water hydrants may be affected and the Fire and Rescue service, County Council and Borough Councils are all aware of the issue and are working together on this.

2. Question from June Green, The Bagshot Society

What can be done with regard to commuter parking on residential streets in Bagshot? Cedar Close, Waverley Road and Station Road are particularly badly affected. Can Bagshot Car Park be made more “attractive” to commuters and workers in the village? Sunningdale workers display a sticker and get a reduced parking rate.

Replies from Mike Goodman, Valerie White and Vivienne Chapman

We are aware of the problems and will look at all possible options with the County parking team and partners. Some residents have put up signs saying “residents parking only” and these work (Wardell Close). The Car Park is owned by the Borough Council and they will work together with the County on this. Sunrise Staff also add to the problem, as does the Network Rail Car Park which only has 17 free spaces.

3. Question from Nick XXXXX, Bagshot resident

There have been two changes of use for properties in Bagshot – shop to cafe and office to shop – which were both granted and have both caused more parking issues on Freemantle Road. Why are these changes granted without consideration of parking. I also want to complain about drainage issues and who enforces these.

Reply from Valerie White, SHBC Cllr, Bagshot

I have raised this within the Borough Council, but both the applications were within permitted constraints – I know that planning are looking at the shop issue and I will liaise with you on this.

Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)

With regard to drainage, the responsibility of enforcement can fall to different agencies according to the problem and to land ownership. Highways can enforce – but do try to do so amicably at first with any resident. I will talk with Cllr Mike Goodman and look at the areas affected.

4. Question from Tim Dodds, local resident

Under Project Horizon, Ambleside Road was scheduled to be resurfaced in June 2015. When will this be completed as it has not been done. Can the published data be updated, so that residents know what is going on?

Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)

There have been some problems with the scheduled works programme. It was an ambitious programme and there has now been a restructure of the Highways department with a new team set up to distribute information to the public and Councillors. We will learn from this and will try to get more up to date information out.

5. Question from Murray Rowlands, Camberley resident

I refer once again to the issue of rat running along Heatherley Road, The Avenue and Woodlands Road. The development of the cinema site along the A30 London Road, which only has access onto Woodlands Road has made this worse.

Reply from the Chair

Rat running on these particular roads is related to the A30 blockages which will be discussed at a public meeting to be held on 21st July, organised by myself, Cllr Denis Fuller and the Camberley Society.

6. Question from Cyril Pavey, local resident

What is the County Councils Policy on the proposed 3rd runway at Heathrow? Will there be public consultations?

Reply from the Chair

The County Council have held two seminars on both proposals (Gatwick and Heathrow) but have not yet declared for either. The County Council will have to make a decision at some stage – but this

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will be controversial whichever way it goes. I will ask at Full Council what the SCC position will be.

The Country has not had a single new runway for 50 years and is being overtaken by others who have seen major developments. Personally, I am an advocate of an expansion at Heathrow for economic reasons, but I am aware this will bring issues of infrastructure and environment!

There may be central consultations, but the Government will have to balance the arguments and make a decision.

Reply from Mike Goodman

We have looked in detail at the Davis report and the County has held meetings with them to look at what would be needed to mitigate any expansion problems. Individual County Councillors may consult their residents, but will ultimately need to make up their own mind.

7. Question from David Chesneau, Local resident

I am pleased to see that cycling in Surrey Heath is on the agenda. How many Councillors cycled here tonight? The infrastructure is patchy, so only small numbers of Surrey Heath residents cycle – Does the Council recognise that heroic changes are needed? There are currently no cycle stands outside the Camberley Theatre or the Council Offices.

Reply from the Chair

Marc Woodall will address this on the agenda. A strategy is important to make the most of major routes and to prevent piecemeal bits of infrastructure that go nowhere.

Public questions ended at 6.55pm

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