



LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND
RESPONSES**

14 DECEMBER 2012

1. From Dr Jenny Masding on behalf of Alfold Parish Council

Would members of this Committee give serious consideration to giving their approval for the funding of a feasibility study into a possible method of improving pedestrian safety on the Dunsfold road in Alfold ?

Alfold Parish Council acknowledges that there is now a large and successful industrial site at Dunsfold Park, important economically and for employment. The Parish Council has always supported its development, as evidenced in past records, but as a consequence there is now a serious safety issue for pedestrians on the Dunsfold road because of an increase in the density of traffic and, of necessity, large lorries. There is a significant population living at the Compasses who are elderly with no access either to cars or the internet. For some their only means to shop, get to their doctor's surgery, the hospital or access other services is to walk to the bus stop at Alfold crossways along the Dunsfold road. Also we have several teenage children living along the road who have to walk up the road to catch the school bus. The road is rural and narrow and passing large vehicles almost brush these pedestrians. We all have a duty of care to this group of residents, many of whom are arguably vulnerable. We consider that we must address their needs and indeed their human rights to go about their lives in safety. Thus we request that you consider the funding of a feasibility study. We would add that we have in our budget, and will carry forward, some monies we have set aside in case needed as a contribution to Surrey County Council traffic safety schemes in the village of Alfold.

Response

Dr Masding will be aware that at agenda Item 9 the Committee is asked to agree to fund a feasibility study into pedestrian safety in Dunsfold Road, Alfold.

2. From Jane Godden, David Pope and Nick Godden (Haslemere)

In relation to on-street parking in Haslemere, is the Local Committee aware:

1. That the overwhelming majority of residents in the western part of Courts Hill Road, and around the corner with Courts Mount Road, are supportive of Surrey County Council's (SCC) parking proposals for this part of the road as was evidenced by the petition previously submitted. Does SCC recognise that these residents believe the design of the proposals is technically sound and provides real safety and movement benefits and residents parking for those who require it ?
2. That Haslemere Town Council (HTC) has provided no evidence that South West Trains or anyone else has given approval in principle to the provision of extra parking places at Haslemere Station; does it also accept that for extra off-street parking provision (should it ever materialize) to work, on-street parking around the station would need to be controlled. HTC states in its report dated 10 February 2012 that the Weydown Road car park is full by 8.30am on weekdays; commuters take all available spaces at the western end of Courts Hill Road by 7am, the inference being that on-street parking is free, not that off-street parking is necessarily unavailable.
3. That HTC agreed to support the proposals for Kings Road "because their residents were the first to ask" and Longdene Road " because it is dangerous". Is SCC aware that if Longdene Road is dangerous, then the western end of Courts Hill Road is doubly so ? Apart from yellow lines at each end of the road which need restoration and extension as proposed by SCC, there are NO effective parking controls for the carriageway between which makes access and movement along the road difficult and dangerous for residents. Longdene Road already has continuous double yellow lines along one side of the road at strategic points on the other,

In view of the above does SCC accept that the second paragraph of the front page report, author unknown, in the Haslemere Herald dated 7 December that "cars (are) currently parked without problems around the town" is wrong?

Does SCC continue to accept that these problems, which cause genuine daily difficulties and concerns to residents in this part of Courts Hill Road, need to be addressed without any further delay in the manner that they have proposed?

Response

The Committee is aware of the views of residents of Courts Hill Road as expressed in the previous petition and in the consultation carried out in July 2012. The Committee is aware of the situation with regard to the possibility of additional parking being made available at Haslemere station. The Committee is aware of the layout and parking controls in Longdene Road and Courts Hill Road. Any further comment would be inappropriate while the outcome of the recently advertised proposals is still outstanding.