



LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

PUBLIC QUESTION & RESPONSE

DATE: 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

A question has been received from Mr David Beaman.

I was recently elected to represent Castle ward on Farnham Town Council and one of the issues raised during the campaign was the problems caused by litter and unsightly commercial waste bins in Farnham Town Centre which is a Conservation Area. I am aware of at least one couple who regularly go litter picking on Castle Street in an attempt to maintain a clean environment. Such a situation could, of course, be avoided if people were more careful with disposing of their litter. As for the unsightly commercial waste bins I understand that Farnham T own Council are making attempts to improve the situation.

My question to the local committee is this:

Could the 3 local authorities (SCC, WBC and FTC) investigate ways of improving the street environment in Farnham Town Centre?

Response:

The duty to keep publically accessible areas clear of litter and the power to impose fines for littering lies with the Waverly Borough Council. Surrey County Council is responsible for arranging for the disposal of any litter collected by the borough council. Therefore in this case I would suggest that the borough council and town council work together to agree an appropriate litter cleaning regime.

With regard to trade waste bins being left on the street. I am aware that other district and borough authorities have used their enforcement powers under the Environmental Protection Act to ensure that bins are only left out on the street immediately prior to or after a collection and not left there permanently.

Therefore I suggest that a discussion take place between Waverley Borough Council and Farnham Town Council to work out how best to address these issues.