SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 3 MARCH 2017
SUBJECT: PUBLIC QUESTION: PARKING ON WELCOMES TERRACE, WHYTELEAFE

DIVISION: CATERHAM VALLEY

Whyteleafe Village Council have been contacted by residents of Welcomes Terrace, Godstone Road (A22), Whyteleafe in regard to issues they face with parking.

Welcomes Terrace is the first set of Victorian terraces, isolated from other similar dwellings, as you enter Surrey/ Tandridge from the Borough of Croydon. None of the properties have off-street parking and there is no ability to create any.

It is opposite a number of businesses who frequently park their vehicles on the highway too. The situation is also exacerbated by development to the north making it even more difficult for the residents of Welcome Terrace to park near their homes.

Whyteleafe Village Council ask the Committee to start investigations into ways to help the homeowners of Welcomes Terrace, Whyteleafe with parking and request officers to commence research and consultation with residents into providing a solution? We would also ask that the Village Council be informed of progress in this respect.

Response:

Thank you for raising the parking problems experienced by residents of Welcomes Terrace. These properties were built before off street parking was considered necessary and now the A22 is a major route carrying thousands of vehicles every day.

The existing on street parking in front of Welcomes Terrace is not ideal and obstructs the footway and through traffic to some extent. This is not a situation we would formalise with a residents’ parking scheme and there are no other obvious locations on the highway nearby to provide parking. The county council do not have a duty to provide parking for residents and given current financial constraints it is not something we would consider in this case.

The residents/parish may wish to discuss vehicular access to the rear of Welcomes Terrace with the owners/developers of the new Gadoline House development to see whether this may be possible.

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