



Surrey Heath Local Area Committee
2 Mar 2017

Annex B
Written Public Questions, Responses and Supplementary questions

Q1. Written question from Mrs Day, local resident re the Bagshot Traffic Lights

I was very interested to see that there were proposals to improve the A 30 in the Camberley area, but very disappointed to see that no mention is made of the most serious and frustrating problem in the area - the traffic jams caused by the traffic lights put in to deal with traffic from the new Waitrose and housing estate just the Camberley side of Bagshot.

The queues back from those sets of traffic lights in the direction of Sunningdale in the late afternoon are appalling day after day. What is being proposed by SCC to deal with that problem?

A1. Response from Chairman on behalf of the Committee:

Surrey County Council are currently consulting on improvements to the A30 through from the junction with Knoll Road to the junction with Laundry Lane. Surrey County Council and Surrey Heath Borough Council are putting a bid to the M3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for some funds to improve this section of the A30 and Camberley town centre. The signals in Bagshot would not be part of that proposal as it falls outside of the scope of the bid.

That being said, Surrey County Council are aware of congestion on the A30 through Bagshot. The signals at Waterers Way have been upgraded to work on a more advanced method of traffic assessment. The process did identify a few minor defects in the detectors at the junction which has since been resolved and made the length of green time given to each arm more considerate of the queues on that arm. In addition to the repairs and improvement of Waterers Way, we have also repaired loops and connectors related to the junction to make queue length assessment more reliable.

In addition to the repairs undertaken, Surrey County Council are progressing the linking of these two junctions to improve the flow of traffic along the A30 as well as minimise the impact of traffic joining from the connecting roads. However, doing this is not a simple process and requires both the replacement of the controller on Yaverland Drive as well as design of the program that controls the two junctions together. As a result, we cannot give a timescale at this stage, but will work with our contractors to get the improvements implemented in the near future.

On the matter of this junction, we are aware of the development of the nearby property into a drive through Costa. Alterations to the highway are necessary as part of the planning permission, but we will continue to monitor the impact the change will have on the junction.

Q2. Written question from Mrs Anderson, local resident re traffic through Chobham

What are the plans to mitigate the increased traffic in the Chobham area from agreed new developments such as Longcross Garden Village?

How will these plans change if the proposed Fair Oaks Garden Village goes ahead?

A2. Response from Chairman on behalf of the Committee:

The Longcross (DERA) development is in two parts, the 'northern site' and the 'southern site'.

The 'northern site' has already been granted planning permission for a mixed use housing and commercial development by Runnymede Borough Council. The 'northern site' promotes a transport mitigation package, which includes Longcross Road highway access works and other highway works elsewhere north and east of the site, to help reduce the road transport impacts of the development. Longcross railway station will be improved, have public access and have an increased train service.

This development will provide £165,000 towards traffic calming measures in Chobham, Windlesham, Bagshot if traffic increase trigger levels are met or exceeded.

The 'southern site' does not have a planning permission and is not yet subject to a planning application. Consequently, there is not yet an agreed transport mitigation package to accompany the proposal.

There are currently no other major development sites, which have a planning permission or which are subject to a planning application / appeal, that have any highly significant road transport effects on the roads in the Chobham area.

Fairoaks Garden Village

Fairoaks Garden Village does not have a planning permission and is not yet subject to a planning application. Consequently, and like the Longcross 'southern site', there is not yet any agreed transport mitigation package to accompany the development.

In considering the developer's proposals for Fairoaks, officers will assess its road transport implications, including its effects on the roads in and around Chobham Village. This assessment will include consideration of the Longcross developments and highway works associated with those sites, as well as other committed developments.