



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN ELMBRIDGE – 14 September 2017

OPEN FORUM IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL MEETING VERBAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Question 1: Peter Drysdale

As a resident of Effingham Road, Mr Drysdale sought clarification as to why a petition had been brought to the Committee objecting to the removal of parking restrictions in St Mary's Road, Long Ditton before the closure of the consultation period. He indicated that he is in favour of the proposal and a petition to that effect from the residents of Effingham Road would be submitted as part of the consultation response. He asked that no decision on the matter would be made before the consultation closes.

Response:

The Parking engineer assured Mr Drysdale that no decisions would be made until after the closure of the consultation period and that all views received would be taken into account.

Question 2: Richard Catling

Mr Catling drew the attention of the Committee to a recent accident on Leatherhead Road, Oxshott and photos were displayed for the Committee's information. Fortunately there were no fatalities arising from the incident. He asked the Committee to consider what action could be taken to minimise the risk of further accidents in the area, arising from the increased use of the route by both HGVs and vehicles which are also increasing the levels of pollution in the village. He suggested that perhaps HGVs could be diverted onto the A243.

Response:

The Highways Area Manager expressed his sympathy for everyone involved in the accident. He was unable to comment on the incident as he had not yet received the full details of what happened. He did however state that there is very little that can be done to reduce traffic volumes on an 'A' road. There is already a 30mph speed limit in the area and work has been undertaken with the police to prioritise enforcement. The concerns presented at the committee meeting will be raised at the Road Safety Working Group of Surrey County Council and Surrey Police for inclusion at their next review. The County Council, in partnership with the police, identify locations with a poor safety record by analysing collision data and trends. Locations raised by the community are also considered, when residents, elected members or community surveys have highlighted locations of concern. The police do undertake speed enforcement on Leatherhead, subject to their own resources and priorities. It was noted that the hardstanding provided has allowed for enforcement. The local county member indicated that many people in the area would like to see a by-pass but that this would take a significant level of investment and external funding. The Area Highways Manager undertook to contact the questioner if and when any further information on the incident is available.

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