



WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS x 2
DIVISION: WOKING

Question 1: Mr Godfrey Chapples, Chairman of Byfleet, West Byfleet & Pyrford Residents Association

There is growing concern as to the efficient management of defunct, derelict properties
That are in the ownership or under the control of Surrey County Council.

Of particular interest to residents of Byfleet are two specific Buildings.

1. The former Manor School in Magdalen Crescent, Byfleet has been unoccupied for at least ten years.

When will this site be re-used?

How much money has it cost to lie in this condition?

For what purpose is the site to be used?

2. A similar set of questions pertains to The Fire Station in High Road Byfleet?

However it does appear that Surrey Historic Buildings Trust may be taking positive action.

Please explain the current position?

Answer from Chairman on behalf of the Committee

Property Services have been notified that the site (Manor School) is no longer required for future Service use, and therefore outline feasibility work will be undertaken to identify the options going forward that utilises the site for the optimum return for Surrey residents. At this time a definitive time scale for the re-use of the site is not available and will be subject to SCC governance requirements.

For the year 2016/17 there was a nil value recorded.

With regards to the Fire Station in High Road, Byfleet SCC is still negotiating with the Surrey Historic Buildings Trust regarding a Transfer of this asset, it is believed that these will conclude in the New Year now.

For the year 2016/17 there is a value of £111.84 recorded as having been spent on maintenance for this asset.

Question 2: Cllr Kevin Davis, Heathlands

The A324, Brookwood Lye Road, sadly had another fatal accident in early November. The speed limit at this point is 60mph. The road also suffers from heavy congestion due to the configuration of Brookwood Crossroads which is unable to cope with the volume of queuing traffic and is often backed up round the sharp bend.

A recent planning application has been submitted which will reconfigure the Traveller site, and build over 100 dwellings on the derelict garden centre site. There will be two exits on to the Brookwood Lye Road for traffic from these sites.

Please will the Highways officers look at lowering the speed limit on this road to improve safety?

Answer from Chairman on behalf of the Committee

The re-configuration and re-development of the Traveller and garden centre sites should alter the character of Brookwood Lye Road which should, in turn, affect driver behaviour. Such situations present a good opportunity to review speed limits and it is our intention to do this for the current national (60mph) limit on Brookwood Lye Road.

The first stage of a speed limit review would be to survey existing vehicle speeds to see if a lower limit would be appropriate based on our speed limit policy. Although funding for a reduction of the speed limit has yet to be identified, the cost of the speed survey will be relatively low and it is hoped that this can be carried out early in the next financial year.