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INFORMAL QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Lesley Bushall asked what measures could be taken to improve road safety on A24 through Capel, on the section of road known as 'Clockhouse Bends'. In particular, she was concerned about missing or damaged chevrons adding to the poor visibility on the road. She was aware of at least five incidents over the last 12 months, including one the previous weekend where a vehicle had come off the road near to where a sign was missing.

Response :

The Area Highways Manager would ask the Local Highways Officer to do a site visit and put the missing chevrons on the list of signs to be replaced. More generally there was a road safety working group that met twice a year to look at possible clusters of accidents and the AHM would propose that the location in question be added to the list of sites to be reviewed.

2. Mr Mohammed Al-Khudairy from the Mango Bean Café in Leatherhead wanted to highlight the lack of interaction between the council and businesses in Leatherhead. He was considering moving his businesses from the town due to the lack of support. Prompted by the Chairman, Mr Al-Khudairy clarified that he was referring specifically to communication with regard to Transform Leatherhead (TL).

Response:

On request from the Chairman, the Leader of Mole Valley District Council agreed that Mr Al-Khudairy be invited to the next TL stakeholder meeting and that she would pass on his comments to the relevant portfolio holder, Councillor Edge.

3. Mr Tom Mason (from Patrick Gardner) also wanted to highlight the long-term difficult trading conditions on Leatherhead High Street. He proposed it be made one – way, with 30 minutes free parking to encourage shoppers.

Response:

The Area Highways Manager stressed that that it was still early days for Transform Leatherhead, but that all comments and suggestions would be passed on to the relevant team. She referred to the petition that would be presented on behalf of businesses later in the meeting (agenda item 5) on the same topic.

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