

SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE 08 OCTOBER 2018



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Question 1: Mr John Seaman

Mr Seaman asked about the traffic lights at the junction of Staines Road West and Crossways. He had reported some time ago that they were not working and asked why the response received from Surrey suggested that it was just the bulbs that were at fault rather than the system itself.

Response

Nick Healey, Highways Manager, requested the reference number of the earlier response and said that he would review it and provide clarification.

Question 2: Mr Tom Lagden

Mr Lagden, on behalf of the local Green Party, asked what Spelthorne borough council was planning to do to improve air quality in the area, including opposition to the proposed third runway at Heathrow.

Mr Lagden then asked if an alternative location for the proposed new leisure centre in Staines had been found following the discounting of Staines Park as a development site.

Response:

The chairman offered a written response to the first question.

Regarding the leisure centre, the vice-chairman replied that in excess of 50 possible sites were under consideration and no further comments could be made until due diligence had been completed on these.

Question 2: Joint Committee chairman

The chairman asked a question on behalf of Spelthorne residents regarding the unmanned railway crossing to Staines Moor, asking if there had been any progress from the Secretary of State on re-opening the crossing. The joint committee had previously agreed to keep it open but Network Rail now seemed keen to keep the crossing closed, following discussions with Spelthorne officers. Cllr Mooney stated that she had been contacted by residents on this issue and had spoken to the County's Countryside Access Officer; her understanding was that there would be a consultation including Surrey to look into the status of the closure.

Response:

The vice-chairman asked the deputy CEO of Spelthorne to investigate and report to the next joint committee meeting.

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