



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY) 28 June 2019

AGENDA ITEM 6

WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. Waverley Borough and Farnham Town Councillor George Hesse will ask the following question:

“Would Surrey Highways please give a clear, unambiguous commitment with a date, as to when work will be undertaken to bring the carriageway [A31 Eastbound, approaching the Coxbridge Roundabout, Farnham] back up to a nationally recognised standard, with a surface water solution and proper carriageway resurfacing (i.e. scrape off and relay new tarmac not surface top dressing)?

As Councillor for Farnham Town and Waverley Borough I regularly receive comments and complaints about the roads in and around Farnham. Lately I have had several residents complain to me about the state of the A31. The A31 Eastbound, approaching the Coxbridge Roundabout, Farnham must be one of the worst A-road surfaces in the Southeast of England, if not even further afield. Any amount of rain causes serious pooling of water by the entrance to the Coxbridge Trading Estate and this week the pooling in two areas reached epic proportions. This cannot be allowed to continue in this state as it poses a road safety hazard. The road surface has been patched repeatedly over a number of years just to keep the road from cracking up. Some years ago I personally buckled a wheel on a car I was driving on this stretch of road and had to claim for a repair and new tyre. This should never happen on a UK A road and it is now time for Surrey Highways to take this matter in hand and resolve it.”

Kwabena Kutten, Snr. Project Engineer, SCC Highways Engineering Team, will give the following answer:

“As part of the A31 LEP Resilience Project, planned drainage and carriageway resurfacing works on Alton Road, Farnham, including plans to resolve flooding issues at the Coxbridge Trading Estate entrance area, are anticipated to take place from Q1 20/21 through to Q3 of 20/21.

In the short term, there are plans in place to carry-out carriageway patching works by end of August 2019, with the view of resolving any carriageway defects on the A31 Alton Road eastbound approach to Coxbridge Roundabout.”

2. Alistair Smith, Chair - The Guildford Society, will ask the following question:

“In view of the expected additional traffic movements resulting from the planned development of Dunsfold Park, illustrated to some degree by the experience of residents in their petition recently submitted to this Committee, would the County and Borough consider commissioning a feasibility study into creating an east-west road linking the A281 in the Dunsfold area with the A3 at Milford?”

Michael Green, SCC Transport Development Planning Manager, will give the following answer:

“The impact of the additional traffic associated with the development at Dunsfold was considered by the Inspector and the Secretary of State at the recent public inquiry into the site. The proposed mitigation was considered to be sufficient to deal with the additional movements on the A281 corridor, and the surrounding network of rural roads, that are likely to arise from the development at Dunsfold Park. A substantial package of junction improvements (majoring in financial value terms on the Borough of Guildford) have been required by the Secretary of State as mitigation, and these will need to be implemented prior to the completion of phases of the development. The improvements would start near to Dunsfold on the A281, and work their way north as the development progresses. Combined with this is the undertaking by the developer to fund substantial improvements to bus services for perpetuity, and to fund other improvements/ mitigation, such as rights of way enhancements (including the Downs Link), and HGV control/traffic management on the lanes east and west of the A281. A sum of £5,000,000 has also been committed to be spent in the Borough of Guildford as a contribution towards measure to mitigate the transport impact of the development in the Borough, comprising edge of/ out of Guildford town centre parking measures and road capacity headroom production measures on the southern approach corridors to Guildford.

The essence of the development is that it should be a sustainable solution to the provision of new housing in Surrey, and integral to this is the need to discourage car borne traffic as much as possible. The construction of a substantial length of link road comprising 12 kms of new highway through otherwise undeveloped Surrey Countryside would be at odds with this overall aim of the development. There is no way that such construction could be anything but an attractor to traffic. This would result in the likely failure of many of the sustainable transport measures that are at the core of the new settlement, and in turn lead to even more traffic heading north into the rest of Surrey (whether that be on the A3 or via the A281/Surrey Hills to the East).

Finally, whilst a link road has been suggested in the past, there is no evidence to suggest that the road would provide any meaningful level of economic benefits additional to those already being delivered through the proposed housing/commercial development in the south east part of Waverley Borough.

To conclude, the County Council would not be prepared to consider commissioning a feasibility study into creating an east-west road linking the A281 in the Dunsfold area with the A3, as it would negate the benefits generated through the sustainable transport measures that are being proposed as part of the Dunsfold Park development.”

3. Mr Paul Osborne will ask the following question:

“Can the Committee reassure residents who live on or near the strategic route ‘the Western Corridor’ of Station Lane / Salt Lane / Markwick Lane that measures will be put in place to protect and restrict the widely anticipated HGV movements that will soon come from construction of >3000 houses in the Cranleigh area, the construction of an HQ building at Dunsfold Airfield and from the proposed 8000 HGV movements associated with UKOG site on Dunsfold Road?”

Michael Green, SCC Transport Development Planning Manager, will give the following answer:

“There is a financial contribution that has been committed to by the developer of the Dunsfold new community that could be used towards the management and mitigation of any impact that might arise from the Airfield redevelopment. This sum of money could be used to manage the impact on the lanes to the east and west of the A281, including the Markwick Lane route to Milford Station and the A3, of any HGVs on those routes.”

AGENDA ITEM 7

WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS

Cllr Peter Clark, Farnham: Wrecclesham and Rowledge Ward, Waverley Borough Council, will ask the following question:

“Can the Committee be provided with an update on Surrey County Council's pending review of Waste and Recycling Services as recently announced by the Leader, Tim Oliver and how this review will be conducted?”

Richard Parkinson, SCC Waste Operations Group Manager, will give the following answer:

“A waste task group has been set up to investigate whether alternative savings can be found that would allow all community recycling centres to remain open, The task group is chaired by Cllr Povey and due to report its findings in September 2019.”

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