

**Open Forum Session**  
**Mole Valley Local Committee Meeting – 4 September 2019**

**1. Question from Roger Troughton, Secretary, Mole Valley Cycling Forum:**

Both Surrey County Council and Mole Valley District Council have recently made Climate Emergency declarations.

Cycling as a mode of transport brings CO2 reductions, as well as health and other economic benefits.

More people would cycle if it was safer to do so, many parents won't allow their children to cycle to school because they feel the roads are too dangerous.

What is Surrey County Council doing and going to do in Mole Valley to improve cycling infrastructure to make it safer and therefore encourage more people to cycle?

**Response from Zena Curry:** There is a great demand for cycle facilities we know. We will take this question back and put to senior officers who can answer. There is also lots of information about cycling available on the SCC website.

**2. Question from Peter Seaward, Bookhams Residents' Association:**

Can we get a flooding update on the square-about in Bookham?

**Response from Zena Curry:** We will get a meeting arranged with the Bookhams Residents' Association, Drainage Engineer and local divisional member to provide an update.

**3. Question from Peter Seaward, Bookhams Residents' Association:**

Is there an update on the permanent provider for the 479 bus route?

**Response from Tim Hall:** There is a contract with some subsidy provided by SCC but we will get a more solid answer from the team.

**4. Question from Roger Jones:**

My question is in relation to the Dorking Community Recycling Centre (CRC). Back last year then the Dorking CRC was under threat of closure the Lib Dems pledged they would have it reopened 7 days a week. Now they have gained control of MVDC, nothing has happened as was promised. Why is there a delay?

**Response from Hazel Watson:** A petition was delivered to SCC Cabinet at County Hall to retain the facility and for now along with 3 other CRCs that were due for closure, the decision on this has been delayed. These 4 site will be considered again at the end of this month and whether the plan is to retain these sites or not.

**Response from Stephen Cooksey:** We've done all we can at this stage to ensure the site would remain open.

**5. Question from Caroline Brown, Leatherhead Residents' Association:**

A question for elected Councillors – Given that we all know we must eventually get out of our cars, don't you think there has been overwhelming evidence of Leatherhead's parking crisis, enough to warrant convincing our Officers to give us 18 months only of parking on the High Street, while long term solutions are worked on, in order to allow businesses who need footfall and have been trapped there, to be able to get out with a bit of a shirt on their backs, and to allow all our Mole Valley residents, as there are many outside Leatherhead who have signed our petition, to have a last 18 months to be able to stop & shop on Leatherhead High Street, especially when CrashMap shows there have been no fatal or serious accidents there with Sunday and evening parking?

**Response from Zena Curry:** This has been previously responded to and it is not possible to fund an experimental TRO or Feasibility Study. We can take this question back and ask those officers who are leading on Transform Leatherhead.