

Surrey Heath Local Area Committee
3 October 2019
Open Public Question Time

Question 1: Mr Russell, local resident

Mr Russell introduced himself to the Committee as the landowner at Lightwater, who had a gypsy/traveller incursion on his land. He clarified that he wanted to use the land as a wildlife sanctuary to open in 2020 and that he was working with the Surrey Heath Borough Council to get the settlers moved on.

Answer from the Chair:

Thank you for coming along to let us know

Response from Cllr Vivienne Chapman, SHBC

The Borough Council is working with the Police on this matter

Question 2: Morgan Rise, Mytchett and Deepcut

Traffic on Coleford Bridge Road – what is being done to stop speeding in this area?

Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager, Surrey County Council

I will need to respond outside the meeting as I do not have all the details to hand

Response from Cllr Paul Deach, SCC

There have been some speed assessments on this road and outside the school.

Question 3: Michael Fiddler, local resident

With regard to speeding on the Guildford Road and junction with the A322, there are 2 VAS signs now in place, but this has not stopped the problem. What can be done and what are we entitled to?

Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager, Surrey County Council

The Highways report covers the limited resources available locally. We have a road safety working group which has a speed management plan with a register of every road that has a recognised speed problem.

We need to target areas with high registered speeds and those that have had accidents. Some areas have ongoing issues and problems with enforcement. I will need to check the history on this site and come back to you outside the meeting.

Question 4: Jane Sherrard-Smith, West End resident

Are the Council considering the wider impacts of the roll out of 5G and is the public involved in this? There are issues with regard to Health and Wellbeing, Air quality and environment with Electro-smog, radio frequency waves. I understand the excitement of 5G, but there are also issues of pylons, masts, double height masts, lots more needed and the risks of leukemia. We need to be able to raise awareness of the risks and concerns.

Response from Cllr Paul Deach, SCC

Personally, I am excited about 5G, with the economic viability and progress, but I have heard concerns raised, especially as 5G will need more masts due to the bandwidth. The Councils have fought some masts and have forced companies to share masts to reduce impact, and we are looking at the implications of 5G with the University of Surrey.

Answer from Cllr Mike Goodman, SCC:

Thank you for raising this. This Committee does not make the decisions on this issue, so will need to provide you with an answer and details of how to raise this elsewhere outside the meeting.

Question 5: Sam Kay, Borough Councillor, Bagshot

I wanted to ask about the layby on the A322 adjacent to the Nursery estate in Bagshot. Can the Committee give an update on the status of any remedy to the identified noise nuisance? Is there a target date for resolving the issue? Residents want it closed

Answer from the Chair:

This topic is under discussion and we are pursuing potential solutions. We will report to future meetings once a way forward is determined.

Question 6: Helen, West End resident

I refer to Lucas Green Road, which was subject to a petition in 2016 with regard to road safety and HGV usage. There was then a consultation with residents and in 2018 a scheme was proposed subject to funding. What is happening? Could a weight limit of 7.5 tons be implemented?

Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager, Surrey County Council

The work agreed was to introduce an informal one-way system. There has been a delay in signage, but this is planned and intended to be delivered this financial year. This will involve advisory signs on the Highway. A weight limit has not been imposed as this would affect businesses who are entitled to legal access.