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Question 1: Three speakers addressed the subject of the proposed Shalford Air Quality Action Plan.

a: Mr Nigel Keane, Shalford Parish Council

Mr Keane expressed the Parish's disappointment at the lack of substance in the proposed Shalford AQAP, and the lack of recognition of the sources of the problem. The Parish Council was concerned about the implementation timescale of the Plan, and by the non-inclusion of Park & Ride.

b: Mr Tim Wolfenden, local resident

What is the major contributory factor to the high levels of recorded pollution?

The Plan should be encouraging modal shift, with a Park & Ride service and an all-weather pedestrian and cycle route.

The proposed Plan's lack of urgency is at odds with GBC's recently-declared climate emergency.

c: Cllr Ramsey Nagaty (Shalford)

While the report lists many potential measures that could improve the air quality in Shalford the solutions chosen, such as relying on a shift to electric cars, will not produce results quickly enough. As local housing developments increase the pressure on the road network, train services need to be improved and schemes need to be considered in a holistic way rather than piecemeal.

Response

At the Chairman's suggestion, the speakers agreed to take a response from the officer when the AQAP was covered in the main agenda under Item 9.

Question 2: Mr Nigel Burke

Mr Burke began by stating that he is a member of GBUG (Guildford Bicycle User Group). He thanked the Committee for the developments in local cycling infrastructure. With regard to the re-worked Stoke crossroads Mr Burke commented that cyclists experience long delays while waiting for the green signal, with three sets of lights having to be activated when crossing any of the arms of the junction. Could there be better coordination of the crossings, perhaps with better sensors to monitor when cyclists, or pedestrians, have crossed before the green signal?

Response

At the Chairman's suggestion, Mr Burke agreed to take a response from the officer when the subject was covered in the main agenda under Item 10.

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