

## ANNEX A

**Surrey Heath Local Area Committee**  
**28 November 2019**  
**Open Public Question Time**

**Question 1: Trefor Hogg, local resident and tree warden**

Can the Committee give an update on what is being done to help combat climate change – in particular with regard to tree planting and the urban tree fund.

**Response from Cllr Mike Goodman:**

There is a lot happening and a lot of initiatives planned. Some of these are:-

- The County Council will plant 1.2 million trees throughout Surrey
- Surrey tree planting week will be held 2/3/4 March with several thousand planted that week.
- Encouraging tree friendly businesses
- Christmas trees – asking for donations to replant and replenish
- Countryside “helps” health – encouraging people to get out and access the countryside
- Working with schools to spread news and initiatives
- Air pollution and air quality is also of concern
- Developing strategy with Districts and Boroughs and also liaising with central Government re changing culture and behaviours

I can put you in touch with the 2 Surrey Tree Officers so that you can co-ordinate with them

**Response from Cllr Vivienne Chapman, SHBC**

Michael Gove, SCC and Surrey Heath Borough Council are working together to co-ordinate our efforts. SHBC has a working party on climate change and our buildings and energy useage are being looked at alongside the use of LED lights in car parks. There is lots to be done, but we are looking at this proactively.

**Question 2: Nick Mitchell, Lightwater**

The Broadwater Road closure is impacting on the local school. There is a diversion route via the M3 J3. Could road closures be planned during school holidays when they impact so much on communities?

**Response from Cllr David Mansfield, SCC**

This is essential work that needs to be done. I have seen a lot on social media about this and we are working with the community but it was essential and planned works

**Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager, Surrey County Council**

We were aware of the impact this work would have. We did consider temporary signals, but the work involves deep excavations, so the closure was required on safety grounds. Highways England are funding the works, so we needed to do the work now to access the funds this winter. The road will be closed until the work is completed.

**Response from Cllr Mike Goodman, SCC**

We did let residents know as soon as the work was planned and I did check that the works were needed at this date. We have also looked at doing all we can to shorten the work time. We are aware that the Windlesham area has seen a lot of work lately, but these are needed.

**Question 3: Tony Hall, Surrey Independent MH Network**

I wanted to raise concerns about suicide rates and drug taking and ask if everyone is aware of the good work being undertaken in Camberly under the Time for Change initiative.

**Response from the Chair**

There is a lot of good work being done. We can help to send out press releases and information.