

**Annex A****Woking Joint Committee**  
**4 March 2020**  
**Open Public Question Time****Question 1: Marian Malcher, Rights of Way Officer for the West Byfleets residents association, re Sopwith Drive Crossing**

I recently raised a petition, campaigning for a safe route to play for Sopwith Drive residents and asking for a crossing facility. I refer to the Highways update report and welcome the funds allocated towards this, but feel that this is not adequate and would like it put on record our concerns over child safety on this stretch of road.

**We welcome the actions to be taken on Sopwith Drive, but also ask when this will be reviewed again?**

**Response from Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager**

I attended a site visit with Kevin Patching. We have a list of safety issues across the County and review them regularly, but there is no specific timeline for review of this road.

**Question 2: Woking Extinction Rebellion re Climate Change**

**How does the Joint Committee liaise and work with the Woking Climate Change working group and the SCC Climate Change member group? Will the Joint Committee recognise this priority by having Climate Change as a standard agenda item?**

**Answer from the Chair**

Both SCC and WBC have declared a climate emergency. Both organisations are committed to this and have prioritised actions. There is ongoing liaison with the groups. We could do a feature on climate change at a future meeting and will put this onto the forward plan.

**Answer from Cllr David Bittleston**

Woking Borough Council is recognised as a Beacon Council that cares about the environment. There is a lot already going on and lots more planned.

**Question 3: Rod Lofting re the Junction of Shaftesbury Road and Maybury Hill**

I refer to the junction of Shaftesbury Road and Maybury Hill and I am here with a large number of residents to raise the following issues. We are concerned with the issue of speeding down Maybury Hill and there was an accident recently. It is also difficult to spot the junction and it is not well lit at night, so the sight lines really need improving. We would also like a speed camera installed in the area. We note that £25,000 has been allocated in the budget for next year, but do not feel this will be enough as the pavements are appalling and there is flooding at the bottom of the hill.

**Response from Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager**

Regarding speed cameras on the highway, there are strict guidelines on placement by the road safety team as these are a resource managed by Surrey Police. Vehicle injury and accident data and speeds would need to be considered and I can look at this in further detail outside the meeting.

The funds allocated are for mitigation at Maybury Hill and there is value in looking at the works being proposed.

**Answer from Cllr David Bittleston**

I am the Ward Councillor for the area. There is only a little money for the Joint Committee to spend on Highways locally and we have got 25% of the budget for East Hill and Maybury Hill as a result of work by Cllr Liz Bowes sorting traffic issues around Mount Hermon. We also do need to consider that if we restrict one road too much, this diverts traffic to another area. I do know that speed and litter are both issues in the area.

**Question 4: Elizabeth Lofting re Speeding on Maybury Hill**

Speed bumps would create considerable noise. We do already have a VAS speed sign at the base of Maybury Hill which is ignored. A speed camera would be a clear warning to drivers. This works in other areas and would be self-financing by either slowing traffic or producing fines. We don't want to wait until someone is killed. In the past we have had trees knocked over and in the most recent accident, a wall was knocked down. It is amazing that a pedestrian has not been killed on the road – particularly as there is a school (St Dunstan's primary) at the bottom of the road. We are asking for help please as the road is lethal.

**Response from Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager**

The Highways Manager offered to meet residents on site. With regard to traffic calming, we did undertake a public consultation on East Hill, so we are looking at vehicle activated signs and enhanced signage. We could look at both locations together.

Cllr David Bittleston also said he was happy to meet residents on site and would arrange this meeting.

**Question 5: Martin Crossley re Maintenance of Road Surface at Maybury Hill**

Could this be looked at please as the pavements are undulating and the road surface is not properly maintained. I have lived here for 48 years and virtually no work has been done. It needs attention as we have only had a surface dressing with the manhole covers not raised.

**Response from Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager**

We do inspect the road network regularly and attend to safety defects as they arise. Every effort is made to ensure the roads are safe. Surrey County Council is investing in capital works over the next few years, with £20 million in addition to existing budgets. We have prioritised the whole network with Operation Horizon. There is information on where works are planned on the SCC website and I will check outside the meeting if Maybury Hill is included.