

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WOKING)**

**DATE: 26 JUNE 2013**

**SUBJECT: WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

**DIVISION: WOKING**



**1. Question from Mr Philip Stubbs**

At the Local Committee meeting held on 6 March 2013 a motion was passed on the urgent requirement for a study into the A322 Brookwood crossroads corridor congestion issues. Could the Council update the Committee on the progress of this study especially the agreed terms of reference of the study, the boundaries of the study and the County's ability to meet the agreed timescales.

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

Discussions continue between Surrey County Council and Woking Borough Council to see whether it is possible to bring forward the review.

**2. Question from Mr Richard Thomas**

Regarding West Hall highway works delayed by request of LOCOG - has the section 278 agreement been signed ? If not why not & when will it be signed? Further when LOCOG requested the delay what action did SCC take to ensure that the work was carried out immediately after the races? Further I know that WBC control the planning conditions " stating there should be no occupations before this work is carried out but SCC are the highway authority and between you and WBC a year has passed and no action on the ground, why before SCC agreed with LOCOG did not WBC or SCC get together to sort this out?

**Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

I can confirm that the S278 agreement has been signed by both parties, Surrey County Council and Anchor Trust. Surrey County Council as Highway Authority are working closely with the Local Planning Authority to ensure that the works are carried out as quickly as possible.

It was not possible to secure provision of the works immediately after the Olympics because the S278 agreement was still under negotiation.

The fact that the development had been occupied prior to these works being completed was a matter for Woking Borough Council as the planning authority.

### **3. Question from Cllr Dorothy Farrant**

We have recently seen an increase in the number of advertising banners attached to the railings alongside the A245 Chertsey Road roundabout. The banners are promoting, for example, school open days, events at local attractions, pre-school nurseries, health clubs and local businesses. These look untidy and can detract motorists' attention at this busy roundabout. There has also been an increase in similar banners in the centre of West Byfleet.

In neighbouring Runnymede banners can only be displayed at designated locations, have to conform to a standard size and importantly are subject to a pre-erection approval process. What procedures are in place in Woking?

#### **Answer from Chairman on behalf of the committee:**

Surrey Highways has an approved banners policy for managing existing banner sites and reviewing applications for new sites. This policy has recently been revised and applies to the whole of the County. Full details of this are found on the County Council website following the 'Apply for it' link.

The purpose of the banners policy is to allow effective publicity for local charitable, cultural and educational events. Promotion of these events and activities should be both appropriate and of benefit to Surrey and the surrounding area, with minimal environmental impact. Activities and events should serve both local population and visitors to the area without prejudice. Important issues such as safety are carefully considered in the application process.

All existing approved sites are listed on the website. In the case of Woking, there are presently two approved locations - Parvis Road at the junction with High Road, Byfleet, and Old Woking Road at the junction with Station Approach, West Byfleet. Banners which have not been approved will be removed by the Community Highways Officer. If anyone has concerns about a banner placed on the public highway, this should be raised directly with Surrey Highways by either telephoning the contact centre on 03456 009 009, or using the 'Report it' link on the County Council website.