



## **SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY) 26 March 2021**

### **AGENDA ITEM 6**

#### **WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

##### **1. Nansi Taylor, Godalming resident, will ask the following question:**

###### **SAFETY OF OUR STREETS**

At a recent meeting we discussed this very current issue about the safety of streets locally, particularly regarding Godalming where the group meets, in normal times. As a women's group working to improve the lives of women and girls, the topic is particularly significant. There were several strands considered and our questions are as follows.

- what measures at present exist to ensure the safety of women and children in our streets, particularly at key points in the town like the stations of Farncombe and Godalming, and the Pepperpot and High Street in Godalming.
- what record is there of attacks /threats or incidents involving women and girls
- are any new initiatives planned locally as a result of the increased awareness of the magnitude of the problem country wide.

Thank You, Nansi Taylor  
Writing on behalf of the Surrey Hills Soroptomists

##### **Eve Budd, Community Safety Officer, Waverley Borough Council, has provided the following answer:**

The Safer Waverley Partnership works closely together to address any areas or issues that are highlighted to us where there is a concern of crime or anti-social behaviour. We use a problem solving approach and effective partnership working through the Joint Action Group (JAG) that addresses problem locations or crime series. When a location is nominated and accepted as a JAG issue a multi-agency group will consider what can be done to address the problems, and identifies the agencies to do this, this can include changes to the physical environment like cutting back of hedges or improving street lighting.

As a partnership we would be happy to engage with Surrey Hills Soroptomists over the specific concerns they have raised.

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