

Annex A**Woking Joint Committee**
24 March 2021
Open Public Question Time

3 Members of the public registered for the public forum and 6 questions were raised: –

Andy Grimshaw
Carl Thompson
Norman Johns

The members of the public joined the meeting for the first half hour and then left to watch the rest on the webcast.

Questions 1, 2, 3 and 4 : Andy Grimshaw, Pyrford resident

Footpath Blockage - Over the last year, many people have spent more time at home and walking locally. In Pryford, many landowners have allowed the right to roam, across golf courses etc, but one landowner, the owner of Twisted Stone has installed a fence and kissing gate across a right of way. I have raised this with the Countryside team at Surrey County Council, who have done a site visit, but I have not had a further response from them yet.

Scrap yard – there is a site close to the Twisted Stone, which is within the green belt, which now appears being used as a scrapyard. I have raised this with WBC as it looks like a business within a green site.

Marshall Parade – At this parade of shops there has been lots more parking and this has caused problems. Residents staying at home are using the bays. I have made parking review requests for additional Double Yellow Lines via the parking reviews but these have not been progressed and I wondered if they could they be reviewed again

Grass verges - Delivery lorries and home improvements in Pyrford have caused damage to grass verges within estates around Pryford and I wondered what SCC plans to do to repair and re-instate these.

The chair thanked the resident for raising these issues and highlighted that the Borough Councillor was involved in with the scrap yard issue.

Cllr Liz Bowes spoke about the verge issue – there was SCC Highways planned pavement work on the Lovelace estate and she would get Highways to look at verge repairs – possibly funded from her Councillors allocation.

Cllr Graham Chrystie urged residents to take up verge damage with any contractors that they use and Cllr Gary Elson had already spoken to some contractors / properties on this.

Cllr Liz Bowes referred to the Marshalls Parade issue and asked Mr Grimshaw to provide her with details that she could take this up with the Parking team.

Cllr Graham Chrystie also spoke about the scrapyard on the greenkeepers facility, which had taken WBC 2 years to get sorted, but assured the questioner that the items were due to be removed and they were continuing to monitor the site.

Cllr Gary Elson also assured Mr Grimshaw that the scrapyards usage had been taken up by WBC and was under investigation (with residents providing evidence to the Borough).

The issue of the footpath would be chased up outside the meeting

Question 5: Carl Thompson

I refer to Agenda item 4 and would like to speak on this matter on the agenda.

The Chair agreed to take this with the agenda item.

Question 6: Cllr Will Forster asked a question on behalf of a resident (Ian) of Witch Hill Lane

I would like to raise the issue of the level of traffic using Witch Hill Lane, particularly as a result of town centre developments and diversions. What impact assessments have been carried out as a result of the Victoria Square development?

I would particularly like to raise concerns about the pending Victoria Arch closure and what can be done about traffic diversions for this?

Answer from Andrew Milne, Area Highways Manager

With any development there are always formally agreed diversion routes, but it is inevitable that people with local knowledge will diverge off this and they are legally entitled to do this.

We are working with the Borough on this, but I would need to consult with Borough colleagues over specific plans for any potential Victoria Arch closures.