

SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

26 March 2021

Minutes Annex A: INFORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Three questions were asked as follows:

Question 1 - Andrew Bolton, local resident:

It has recently been identified in the press that Godalming Town Council will be requesting a 20mph speed limit across the town. How much would this cost and what would be the timescales involved?"

The Senior Traffic Engineer responded stating that: it would depend on the size and length of the speed limit area proposed. Surrey Police would also need to support any proposals.

An areawide scheme would likely cost in the £10,000s for an initial speed limit assessment. In addition, implementation would require a Traffic Regulation Order and signage in every road where speeds were found to be 24mph or less. If the average speed was higher, then additional speed reduction methods would be required at an additional cost, as well as consultation work and residents approval for the infrastructure required.

The Chairman stated that: Godalming Town Council should consider that they would be looking at roughly £25,000 for an areawide survey and £50,000 - £100,000 for implementation.

Question 2 – Arianna Pisetti, Godalming Cycle Forum

Local people in Godalming will remember the sad death at the Meadow site. I see that there is a scheme for a cycle path at this site. I would like to know what the timescales are for implementation on this scheme and if so, have the Godalming Cycle Forum been consulted?

The Senior Traffic Engineer responded stating that: The Godalming to Guildford Greenway were looking at measures to improve cycle ways across both boroughs and were looking at a feasibility study for the Cattershall junction. Holisitically, it was a high value scheme and proposals were currently in design and as far as he was aware the Cycle Forum were being consulted on the proposals.

Question 3 - Chris Meakes, local resident

Where there are temporary road closures, is there the opportunity for improved signage at the point of diversion so cyclists are clear about how they can navigate the new measures.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman stated that: they had sympathy with the questioner and would like to have clearer signage when temporary changes are in place. However, it is not always possible - as with the Tilford East Bridge closure - due to pressures outside of Surrey County Council's control.

The Area Highways Manager stated that 99.9% of the time, the roads were open for cyclists and pedestrians. Where they were closed, then yes, there should be direction/signage to show where cyclists can navigate the measures.