

Annex A

Surrey Heath Local Area Committee
Open Public Question Time

1. **Angela Mitchell, Deepcut Residents Association**
The County Council needs to display joined up thinking over the traffic issues facing the area. We already have a traffic problem and have pending developments at Deepcut and DERA. The problems are not being mitigated in a meaningful way and the issues will affect the whole borough and also neighbouring boroughs. Will members of this Committee state their views to SHBC Planners?
The size of the proposed supermarket on the Deepcut site is also of concern, as a supermarket of that size would need to pull in customers from surrounding areas and will have a negative impact on nearby businesses.

2. **Howard Hyde, Deepcut Residents Association**
Councils can only implement S106 agreements in accordance with planning permissions. Can anything be imposed in the S106 agreement to ensure that the Highways works are completed before building development commences – we waited 10 years last time before these were done.

Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)

Thank you for raising the questions. Communication and joined up thinking does take place. SHBC does ask for Highway views and the Local Transport Planning team are aware of all the future proposed developments. We are not invited into detailed S106 negotiations but I can ask colleagues in transport management and come back to you.

Reply from the Chair

This Committee does not have the remit to assist on individual planning applications, which are dealt with by Surrey Heath Borough Council – however, we can question and insure joined up thinking especially with regard to Highways matters. There are lots of planned developments both in Surrey Heath and surrounding areas, the prime one being the DERA site. The Committee do not have the remit to get involved in individual planning applications – but there are 11 Borough Councillors present at this meeting who are all hearing the views expressed.

Reply from Cllr Mike Goodman

We need to show more joined up thinking and this committee should help with this.

Reply from Denis Fuller

We should say what we think and what we feel should be done. We need money spent on the Red Road, with roundabouts at the junctions and a wider road in places - this will cost approx £2 to £3 million. 65% of the new CIL money will be going towards the countryside under

SANGS (Suitable alternative natural green space) and we need to redirect this. I am willing to help lobby for this.

Reply from Vivienne Chapman

Unfortunately, none of the Borough Councillors can speak on this subject as we will be making a decision on the planning application. However, we can observe and listen to views.

Reply from Rodney Bates

I can't comment on the planning aspect, but I do know that we were promised a roundabout in 1987, so I will try and investigate this.

Reply from Cllr Bill Chapman

Cllr Chapman clarified that the information about the size of the supermarket came from the supermarket location scout, and that residents from Frimley Green, Frimley, Mitchett etc would be attracted to the store. Residents stated that they wanted a supermarket on the site – but not one as large as that proposed.

3. Katia Malcaus Cooper, Lightwater

It is frustrating that on issues such as the Red Road and traffic locally, the parish, county and borough council are all powerless. We were promised a roundabout at Briars estate but this was never delivered. We have now been told that having roundabouts on the Red Road will encourage people to use the roads more as rat runs.

Reply from the Chair

We are not completely powerless. We do question and lobby and raise the issues at County level. I myself raised the issue of vehicle activated signs and the Committee got the speed reduced to 50mph (admittedly, the Committee wanted this brought down to 40mph, but this was not supported by Police evidence). We do need enforcement though, with cameras or police presence. We need two roundabouts at Macdonald Road and Lightwater Road and the members of the Local Committee support this.

4. Glyn Carpenter, Bagshot

Can Church Road in Bagshot be made into a one way street up from the High Street. Lorries and delivery vans cause problems and one way would mitigate this. The residents support this and would be happy to get up a petition if it is needed.

Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)

We would need to look at this further and come back to you.

5. Colin Manley, local resident

Are the Highways department now getting smarter about contracts for road maintenance, grass cutting and vegetation clearance? You need to insist that faulty workmanship is corrected at their cost – not taxpayers.

DRAFT MINUTES - 4 July 13 - to be formally agreed at the next meeting**Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)**

Our Highways contractors do have to repair potholes if they fail. This is embarrassing and is disruptive for multiple occasion repairs – however we are working on the reasons for failures, which can be due to weather conditions, or temporary quick repairs in high traffic areas.

6. Eric Williams, Parish Councillor, Bagshot

I refer to the review of local bus services. I understand that pending Government cuts will result in further loss of services. What commitment can the Committee give to keeping the current service?

Reply from the Chair

Unfortunately, we cannot give assurances as we don't know what the impact of Government cuts will be and how we will manage this – but we will need to look at the whole range of transport issues affected. We are keen to retain, if not improve services and will try to work with commercial companies on this.

Reply from Mike Goodman, SCC

There are lots of voluntary agencies who offer transport services and we may need to be more joined up with regard to what is already available, to avoid duplication and help to promote existing services.

7. Jenny Garner, Woodlark Glade, Camberley

There is a speeding problem at Kings Ride. Developer contributions of £30,000 were allocated to resolving this and the community proposed 2 single road build outs. However, Highways rejected this and proposed a new scheme, which has been discounted by residents. Anti social speeding is an issue – do we have to wait for an accident before something is done? Kings road is lengthy with a lot of vehicle use. The Department of Transport recommends that build outs will reduce speed. What will happen to the £30,000 if this cannot be agreed? How can we work with highways on this? We have a residents proposal.

Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)

I am sorry to hear that the SCC attitude to this might have come across as negative or non supportive. I will go back and talk to the Officers involved and will take back your proposal to them to be followed up. With regard to money, S106 terms of agreement can be very specific which means the money could only be used in this area or, if not specific and this cannot be agreed, could be used elsewhere. I would need to look at the detail of the agreement.

Further Public Questions and Comments were raised during the meeting under specific items on the agenda:-

Highways Report – Toshiba roundabout

8. Colin Manley, local resident

The hospital will need to participate in the scheme too – they need to remove their barrier to speed up traffic entering the parking area and introduce pay and display parking.

Reply from Josephine Hawkins

A separate lane to the Hospital would make sense and the hospital need to work with us on this issue.

Reply from Denis Fuller

I am concerned about the changes proposed as we need to get this right. I like the idea of a separate lane to the Hospital, but the Hospital also need sensible parking arrangements and we need to consult with them.

Reply from Bill Chapman

Creating a separate lane without changes to the Hospital parking arrangements will be folly as it will merely create parking on the Highway as the traffic backs up. The situation is currently one out and one in and this needs addressing. I support the toucan crossing but a further crossing on Frimley Road is also required.

Reply from Rodney Bates

It is refreshing that all concerned have recognised that the previous scheme was wrong and are to correct this.

Reply from the Chair

The Hospital are trying to address the parking issues. They have brought land at Lion Way for more cars and are looking at additional parking with a 2 storey facility next to their existing structure. I hope that they will consider a traffic circuit around their site and I will discuss this with their Chief Executive.

Reply from Andrew Milne, Highways Area Manager (NW)

We are talking with the Hospital over the proposed changes as we do recognise the importance of everyone being on board with the new proposal. A cycle lane can also be incorporated with the 3rd lane – but on the Hospital side this will be a joint cycle / pedestrian route.