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Item 5 – Written Public Questions**Q. Written question from Mr. Paul J. Chapman, Frimley Green.**

"Given the traffic chaos witnessed in Frimley Green recently due to the temporary lights placed on the mini-roundabouts around the green that mimic the mitigation measures proposed for the PRB development, will the council promise to look again at the potential traffic problems and carry out their own investigations into the mitigations proposed, to prevent Frimley Green and nearby areas becoming gridlocked with traffic?"

A. Written response provided by Andy Stokes, Principal Transport Development Planning Officer on behalf of the Committee

The Princess Royal Barracks Planning Application considered the likely impact of the development on the junctions of Wharf Road and Sturt Road on Frimley Green Road.

In order to adequately accommodate the development impact it is proposed that traffic signals be installed, replacing the existing roundabouts. The installation of permanent traffic signals at this location has been carefully considered by Surrey County Council, who is content that they can be satisfactorily accommodated.

Temporary traffic lights are often less efficient than a permanent installation which are carefully programmed to ensure that a maximum amount of 'green time' is available, and where safe to do so, allowing differing streams to negotiate the junction at the same time.

The County Council will not be carrying out its own investigations into the use of traffic signals at these junctions, it will however ensure at the appropriate time that the permanent signals are designed and installed to operate safely and as efficiently as possible.

Q. Supplementary question from Mr. Paul J. Chapman, Frimley Green

Whilst I appreciate that temporary lights are less efficient than permanent ones, the settings seemed reasonable (although there was no pedestrian crossing) and yet the lights caused chaos. This was before the additional traffic of the new development. I would urge that consideration be given to mitigation works before the new development goes ahead.

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A. Response from Chris Pitt

This did cause chaos and I agree with you. The lights were also in place over the weekend with no-one working there – leading to congestion and loss of business.

A. Response from Andrew Milne, Highways Manager (NW)

The temporary lights were installed by BT, not SCC – but we do have responsibility for managing temporary works on the Highway.