



## **SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE – 09 March 2021**

### **AGENDA ITEM 6**

#### **WRITTEN MEMBER QUESTIONS**

**Question 1:** Cllr Tom Fidler

**Given the regular fly-tipping instances at the layby near Shortwood Common on the Eastbound Stretch of the A308, will Joint Committee consider a decision on potential next steps to tackle this littering hotspot at the next Joint Committee to help keep Spelthorne clean?**

#### **Officer response:**

Officers are in agreement that this and other laybys along the A308 are infrequently used for their intended purpose. Officers are also aware that laybys are there for the benefit of lorry & other drivers who need to take a break from driving either through TACO regulations, tiredness or other driving related issues. Officers will look into what options might be available and present those options to the next Joint Committee.

Any project to close one or more laybys would need to be funded by the Joint Committee, and would require consultation with Surrey Police, and organisations representing the haulage industry.

**Question 2:** Mr Richard Walsh (Chairman)

Having attended the first meeting of the Shepperton Studios Liaison Group I was requested to put a question to the Spelthorne Joint Committee regarding the progress of the highways works to be under taken by the Studios with Surrey County Councils agreement. We are particularly interested in the two pedestrian crossing, one in Charlton Village and the other in Laleham and we would very much wish for these crossings to be completed before major construction traffic was to start.

**It has taken up to a year so far and the plans are still not agreed. Also we understand the Studios offered office resource to Surrey to assist in accelerating matters and was this offer taken up? We would like an explanation for the delay, explaining what effect COVID – 19 had on the issue, together with any other factors, which you feel we should be aware of.**

Two other public questions have been received by the committee, effectively asking the same question and for expedite's sake all the questions will be answered together.

**Officer response:**

Surrey County Council and the Pinewood Studios Group are progressing the proposed pedestrian crossing schemes under a Section 278 Agreement. These agreements traditionally take a number of months to progress given the iterative nature of the design check process. The Highway Design Engineers working on behalf of the Pinewood Studios Group submitted the latest iteration of drawings and application forms to enter into a Section 278 Highway Works Agreement in December 2020. The Transport Development Planning team are processing the agreement and have reviewed the submitted drawings. Arising from this review was the need to carry out a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit on both schemes prior to response on the latest design drawings. The County Council's Road Safety Audit team have recently been instructed to undertake these audits and a full response is expected to be issued to The Studios by the end of March. In the meantime, a Section 278 Agreement to allow the works to be undertaken is being drafted.

Surrey County Council have been responsible for some delay to the progress of these schemes since the turn of the year. This has largely been due to exceptionally high workloads at this time, including significant pressure exerted by the Studios to approve and complete an agreement to allow a temporary construction access to be installed and construction work to begin. As a result, this work was prioritised.