



## WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

**DATE: 24 MARCH 2021**  
**SUBJECT: WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS**  
**DIVISION: WOKING**

### **Question 1: Linda Murray, resident of Vale Farm Road**

What do Councillors plan to implement to resolve the traffic issues with the drive through McDonald's at 80 Goldsworth Rd in Woking GU21 6NX? There are several issues of concern:

1. The traffic is often backed up from the roundabout on Goldsworth Rd/Vale Farm Rd to Barn Bridge in one direction and as far as the Coign church on Goldsworth Rd in the other direction.
2. The cars are idling while they queue releasing noxious exhaust fumes into the air, polluting our local environment and this will result in long term health issues for residents.
3. To avoid the traffic jams, cars are turning down Oaks Rd and travelling at speed in the wrong direction along Vale Farm Rd. which is one way from Oaks Rd and narrow with poor visibility on some sections. It is only a matter of time until there is an accident. I regularly observe cars traveling the wrong way along Vale Farm Rd outside my house, and recently narrowly avoided a collision with a car doing exactly that.

I look forward to hearing what Councillors plan to implement to resolve these issues.

### **Answer**

As the response to the petition about this issue states, no traffic management measures could be identified during the meetings that were held prior to the McDonald's Drive-thru reopening last year. Although we will hold another such meeting, it is unlikely that any solution will be identified.

Routing traffic along Poole Road, as the petition response mentions, comes with its own problems and the lengths of queue that Ms Murray refers to suggests that traffic would still back up on to Goldsworth Road.

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Unfortunately, we cannot compel drivers to turn their engines off when they are in stationary traffic.

The issue of traffic driving against the one-way in Vale Farm Road has not been reported before and having discussed this with one of our points of contact at Surrey Police, he could find no previous report of it. He will, however, aim to visit the site during a period of queuing to witness the situation and take any necessary enforcement action against any offending drivers.