



**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL COMMITTEE EPSOM & EWELL
22 March 2021**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

Question 2 – Daniel Irwin

Re: Epsom Community Recycling Centre (CRC) opening hours

Why is the Epsom Community Recycling Centre closed on Tuesday's and Wednesday's? I have noticed plenty of rubbish discarded around town which must cost more to pick up than the cost of opening the centre on these days.

Officer Response:

In January 2018, changes to opening days were introduced across our network of community recycling centres in order to reduce the cost of operating the services. The changes were carefully planned to ensure that residents always had access to a nearby alternative site on days where their local community recycling centre was closed. In the case of Epsom the nearest alternative site is at Randalls Road in Leatherhead which is 7 miles from the Epsom CRC and open 7 days per week.

There is really no excuse for anybody to fly-tip materials. Residents have a comprehensive kerbside waste collection service and access to a network of community recycling centres where the majority of household waste can be disposed of free of charge. Businesses are required to pay for disposal of their waste but there are plenty of bona fide waste collection companies who can offer a collection service and we also offer paid for trade waste disposal services at a number of our waste transfer stations in Surrey.

Both householders and businesses are under a 'Duty of Care' to ensure that their waste is only passed to a registered waste carrier and businesses have an additional duty to ensure that their waste is properly described and disposed of at an authorised facility.

Through the Surrey Environment Partnership, Surrey local authorities have been raising awareness of the blight caused by fly tipping and set out ways in which residents and business can prevent their waste being fly tipped by unscrupulous individuals. Details can be found at the link below. '

<https://www.surreyep.org.uk/fly-tipping/>

Question 3 – Rick Kendall

Re: Rat running around Epsom town centre

Please can the committee take steps to remove rat-running traffic in the residential roads on the south side of Epsom as every year it's getting worse. Rat running has continued during the lockdown which proves the point that even when the town centre is empty of traffic the vehicles still rat run. The roads have got more dangerous and the vehicles are producing harmful emissions and other toxins that is affecting children's health in so many ways and that of the residents of all the roads concerned by reducing their life span including myself and my own family?

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Officer response:

The publicly-maintainable residential roads on the south side of Epsom are not subject to any vehicular restrictions. As such they are available for use by all classes of vehicle. There are instances of advisory signing of 'Unsuitable for HGV's', such as for the western section of Worple Road and traffic calming has been installed on a number of roads to encourage lower speeds and to discourage through traffic. To restrict certain types of vehicles, such as heavy goods vehicles, would require a legal traffic order. An alternative to prohibiting classes of vehicle would be to introduce closure points to prevent through traffic, which would impact on all classes of motorised vehicles. The progression of such a scheme would require detailed assessment to determine routes taken, volumes and types of vehicles, along with the likely redistribution of any prohibited traffic. Epsom and Ewell Local Committee may consider including a scheme on its prioritisation list for a future highways programme, and public consultation would be required to progress a scheme of this nature. With regards to vehicular emissions, Epsom and Ewell Borough Council is the responsible authority for air quality monitoring and management. Surrey County Council works in partnership with Epsom and Ewell Borough Council to address air quality issues.

Question 4 – Steve McCormick

Re: Illuminated safety sign

There is an illuminated safety sign that is operator triggered on the bridleway descending alongside Langley Vale Road from Laura Mongan's yard, just after the pegasus crossing.

This sign is not working and would be instrumental to the safety of riders from all race yards (Laura Mongan, Ermyn Lodge, Brett Johnson) that use this route. Horses and riders are regularly using this route and combined with the state of the road on Langley Vale Road/junction with Grosvenor Road, any road safety instrument should be working correctly and fully.

Can the sign be fixed and included in standard maintenance work schedules under SCC highways, please?

Officer response:

The two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) on each approach to the Pegasus Crossing are damaged beyond economical repair. The estimated cost to replace each VAS is approx. £5,000, a total of approx. £10,000 for both. An onsite inspection by our contractor would confirm the costs to replace. If Committee were to consider these signs to be a high priority, it has funding at its disposal that could be used to review the need for these signs, and if needed to bring them back into operation.

Question 5 – Name withheld

Re: St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School Rosebank Epsom

What responsibility does SCC have for safety and security at this school and of the security of its lands and boundaries, to the wider community, in view of government guidance for schools and given that the school receives funding from SCC?

Officer response:

Surrey County Council does not fund the school; funding comes direct from the Department for Education.

Health and safety at the school is robust. The perimeter of the school site is surrounded by a high-level security fence. This ensures that all children and adults are fully secure within the site at all times.