

Minutes of the meeting of the
Surrey HEATH LOCAL COMMITTEE
 held at 6.30 pm on 21 October 2021
 at The Chamber, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Knoll Road, Camberley.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Committee at its next meeting.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Edward Hawkins
- * Paul Deach (Chairman)
- Richard Tear
- Rebecca Jennings-Evans
- * Trefor Hogg (Deputy Chairman)
- David Lewis

Borough / District Members:

- * Borough Councillor Vivienne Chapman
- Borough Councillor Josephine Hawkins
- * Borough Councillor Valerie White
- * Borough Councillor Victoria Wheeler
- * Borough Councillor Helen Whitcroft
- * Borough Councillor Graham Alleway

* In attendance

1/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Cllrs Richard Tear, Rebecca Jennings-Evans, David Lewis and Josephine Hawkins.

2/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING [Item 2]

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

There were no declarations of interest.

4/20 PETITIONS [Item 4]

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: Jason Gosden and Zena Curry Highways Officers

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: One, as detailed

The Highways Officer presented the report and outlined that the Speed Management Group were monitoring the area and the existing site was on the speed management plan. Previous speed surveys (Jacks 2014,

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Yaveland Drive 2019 and the High St) indicated good compliance but new data was needed so 6 surveys would be carried out in both directions. This would cover 24 hrs / 7 days a week and would occur within the next 4 weeks. The A30 was a strategic road and had a high volume of traffic, so needed careful consideration.

Members also discussed the area, raising issues of HGVs through the village, the planning application for Lidl, the idea of a roundabout at Waitrose and drive smart. HGV's remained a current issue, with Members asking for an update on the impact and the policy of reporting HGV problems. One Member asked if HGVs were signposted from the A322 to avoid Bagshot village and it was confirmed outside the meeting that the signs directed HGVs appropriately. There was a call for the speed monitoring to include the Jolly Farmer area as well and this would be considered.

Sarah Kingsley, local resident added that there had been a massive increase in traffic and that the area needed to be looked at holistically as the villagers felt ignored. The M3 traffic through the area also did not help.

The Local Committee noted that:

- (i) Previous speed surveys undertaken along the A30 London Road have indicated a generally good level of compliance with the existing 40mph speed limit through Bagshot. As such, it has not been identified as a priority site on the Surrey Heath Speed Management Plan and there are no existing proposals to introduce speed enforcement cameras or other alternative speed reducing measures. However, some of the speed data is now relatively old and it does not cover all sections of the A30 London Road through Bagshot.
- (ii) A series of new speed surveys are to be undertaken shortly to provide updated information about vehicle speeds over all sections of the A30 London Road between its junctions with the A322 and Waterers Way.
- (iii) The results of the surveys will help determine whether there is a problem with speeding and whether the introduction of speed reducing measures should be considered (and what type of measures would be most appropriate).
- (iv) The Local Committee will be updated further once the surveys have been completed and the data analysed.

5/20 WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS [Item 5]

Although there was no public forum on the agenda, the Chair allowed open questions from those present. These are detailed in Annex A as follows:-

- Cyril Pavey re review of Bus stops and Railway service
- Nick Dorrington re bus contracts and speeding in Bagshot
- Charles re Kings Ride crossing on the London Road
- Louise Grainger re Ravenscote crossing

6/20 WRITTEN MEMBERS QUESTIONS [Item 6]

There was one written question from Cllr Trefor Hogg re completion of the London Road project. The question and answer were detailed in the supplementary agenda.

Cllr Hogg felt that there was a design issue especially as the lights did not allow enough time for residents to cross (as raised in a public question).

7/20 BUS STOP CLEARWAYS [Item 7]

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: Ian Murdoch, Senior Transport Officer, Passenger Transport

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None

The Transport Officer outlined the report, which outlined how the M3 Enterprise Partnership funding would be used to aid bus stop improvements. This included footways, and kerbing to aid accessibility and clearways that prohibited vehicles from stopping or parking at bus stops, keeping them clear for busses. It was noted that SCC would like extended hours of service and these improvements would support that.

The maps had been delayed and published in a supplementary, so Members had not had much time to review each location in detail. It was therefore agreed that the clearways be approved in consultation with members to allow detail and resident views to be considered.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed that:

(i) new / upgraded bus stop clearways throughout Surrey Heath (as shown in the Annexes to this report) are approved **in consultation with local members.**

(ii) following the approval of the clearways, SCC officers write to adjacent residents and businesses to advise that the bus stop clearways have been approved by the Local Committee, and will therefore be able to be enforced.

(iii) any objections from adjacent residents and businesses can be addressed by delegated authority by the Local Highways Manager, or other appropriate role within the Scheme of delegation, and the Chair of the Local Committee.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS:

Surrey Heath Local Committee agreed to the bus stop clearways at bus stops throughout Surrey Heath, to operate for 24 hours a day, Monday to Sunday. This is to ensure that all buses servicing these bus stops are able to provide passengers with step-free access at all times and ensure that there is good visibility for the bus driver to see waiting passengers as well as aiding journey time reliability. This aims to support residents to use public transport across the borough and to make the public transport offer more attractive by making it more reliable.

8/20 PIRBRIGHT BENDS SPEED LIMIT [Item 8]

Declarations of Interest: None.

Officer in attendance: Mark Borrett, Road Safety Officer

Petitions, Public Questions/Statements: None

The Road Safety Officer presented the report which outlined the safety reasons for installing average speed cameras along the stretch of road known as the Pirbright Bends. Members discussed the issue at length and raised the following points:

- The majority of the road was in the Guildford area, with only part in Surrey Heath
- The accident stats supported the project
- Members would prioritise Red Road or the Mytchett triangle above this, but the accident figures do not bear this out
- Safety cameras are the last resort and this site warrants the measures
- If the project saved one life, it was worth it
- Red Road should be added to the forward plan for a future update.

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) agreed:

- (i) that, based upon the evidence, the start of the 30mph speed limit in Mytchett Place Road is moved from its current location (in Guildford) to a new location (in Surrey Heath) to include the bend at the Keogh Barracks access.
- (ii) To authorise delegation of authority to the Area Highway Manager in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the Local Committee, and the local divisional member to resolve any objections received in connection with the proposals described above.

- (iii) To note that the speed limit be changed to 40mph in the section of the B3012 Gapemouth Road and D3455 Mytchett Place Road that are currently subject to a 30mph speed limit.
- (iv) To note based upon the evidence, the national speed limit in the B3405 Grange Road and Stanley Hill be reduced to 40mph.
- (v) To note that an average speed camera system will be installed to enforce the 40mph speed limit.
- (vi) To note that bend warning sign improvements will be installed to complement the average speed camera system.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

A consistent 40mph speed limit will allow the introduction of average speed cameras which will help to reduce traffic speeds and therefore reduce risk and severity of collisions on the Pirbright Bends, where there has been a history of collisions including death and serious injury.

9/20 TASK GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP [Item 9]

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) noted the task group report and agreed the following:-

- (i) The terms of reference for the Major Projects Task Group (see Annex 1) and the membership of the task group (SCC Cllrs Edward Hawkins, Trefor Hogg and Richard Tear, SHBC Cllrs Valerie White, Vivienne Chapman and Graham Alleway)
- (ii) The terms of reference for the Parking Task Group (see Annex 1) with the membership of the task group remaining the same as last year.
- (iii) The nominations to outside bodies as set out in Annex 1. (Surrey Heath Partnership – Edward Hawkins, Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee – David Lewis and Fairoaks Airport Consultative Committee – Richard Tear)

10/20 DECISION TRACKER [Item 10]

The decision tracker was noted.

11/20 FORWARD PLAN [Item 11]

The forward plan was noted.

Members asked for the following items to be considered:-

- Rail Services

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- Red Road update

Meeting ended at: 8.30 pm

Chairman