

## Highways Group Report

We have not met formally since the last Committee meeting. However we have been in contact with one another. Two matters have had our attention. Firstly the parking proposals for North Street have moved on. Proposals put forward by SCC were modified as a result of a meeting on site. Consequently the proposals to increase the parking provision have now been published and are proceeding through the statutory process.

Also arising out of the parking issues was a scheme to put single yellow lines through out most of the Cressal Mead and Levett Road. This had been called for by the bus company who began operating double decker buses, at the start of last year. This had caused complaints from many people in Copthorne Road. The position had been made worse by the creation of residents' parking in Kingscroft Road. Displaced vehicles were filling the lower parts of Copthorne Road, and Cressal Mead. In the case of the latter, this was reducing a 2-lane road to a single lane, with a parking bay on one side. This was causing difficulties for the buses. Similar problems were occurring at the junction of Levett Road with Copthorne Road. Following a meeting on site with an SCC public transport officer and the operations manager for the bus company it was agreed that an experiment should be tried out of changing the bus-route, to enter and leave by Cressal Road, and to go round the loop of Levett Road. This has been in place for about 2 months. A new bus-stop has been placed in Levett Road, and this has been appreciated by local bus passengers who had been asking for it since the route had been changed from established over the last 18 years. The new parking limits along this route have yet to be put in place, but they will be appreciated by residents and the bus operators.

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