

Chairman's report for 7 November 2016

Good evening, everyone. I have five main items to share with you:

Firstly, I should like to advertise Transform's Consultations about cycle and pedestrian routes into town that Colin is organising. The next one is on Saturday at the Leisure Centre from 10 till 2. My committee and I will be attending that one. The next is at the same time, same place the following Saturday and the last is on 26 November at the theatre from 11 till 4. The other two reasons for the Consultation are for people to take part in a parking survey and to announce the EA's current ideas on flood alleviation.

Secondly, I would like to pass on some of the content from the last meeting of the Residents Associations with Mole Valley from which I have distilled 7 items likely to be of interest to you this evening. (a to g)

a. I am sure many of you will have seen this article in this weeks Advertiser. Dorking seems to have almost succeeded in obtaining free parking for the first half hour in municipal car parks, not just on the street. Paul Anderson from MV has advised that the next area for such a review is expected to be Leatherhead and linked to the Transform work.

b. Regarding Church Street and its design, Nick Gray and Colin were detailed to speak to Rod Shaw. I don't know if that has happened yet.

c. Attendees were told that a traffic survey is scheduled to be undertaken soon. The results of such findings are expected to cost between £250m and £500m.

d. Meanwhile, funding HAS been secured for a sustainable Transport package and a six week consultation with SCC is going on now.

e. Work is going on to collect pictures and information about WWI War memorials. Some are quite small and in remote places. If you know of any, could you email Mr. Barrie Higham, email on the board.

f. There is something called the "Fair Funding Review" going on now between the Government and local authorities. They are going to be expected to raise increasing amounts of their own financial

requirements, and in fact there is the prospect of MV being entirely unsupported by Central Government in the near future.

g. Faced with this situation, it is understandable that, in order to invest in property, the LAs will probably be using Public Works Loans at 1.2% fixed over 50 years. The income from this should alleviate much of the financial pressure caused by the Funding Review.

Now back to other news, so, **thirdly**, the Re-design of our Website. This is definitely going ahead, albeit rather slowly. We are trying to ensure that the most important and useful areas of our activities are accessible from the first screen or page.

Fourthly: there is news about Q.E.F. the space left by the loss of the Vocational Training Contract will be taken up by the Brain Injuries section from Banstead. Both Staff and facilities will be re-located to the Woodlands Road site and QEF will also be looking for permanent accommodation adapted for ex-trainees out in the community, not on site, like the four on Fairfield Road for The Grange.

Fifthly and lastly, I have pinned up a couple of diagrams relating to flight paths followed by aircraft using Heathrow. One is for now and the other is the projected plan, if it happens!