

Dear All

I have sent this Alert to those on the TWRA and or Neighbourhood Watch Distribution Lists for Tadworth & Walton. The purpose of this Alert is to give you an update on the Shelvers Way Improvement Scheme to assist you in making your opinion known and to provide some updates to Trading Standards reports and the local events section. I have left unchanged but still current sections from the July bulletin, such as details of road closures, for your convenience.

Shelvers Way Improvement Scheme

Surrey County Council are planning to spend a very significant amount of money to improve the lower end of Shelvers Way and its junctions with Epsom Lane South and Ashurst Road and the Shelvers Hill area. The scheme is also intended to provide some alleviation to the surface water flooding which has occurred in this vicinity during periods of heavy rain.

Two public consultation events were held which clarified some issues enabling both the Tadworth & Walton Residents' Association (TWRA) and the Tadworth Flood Action Group (TFlag) to develop their responses to the proposals. I include below a summary of the TWRA response which may help clarify for you what TWRA believes are the key benefits and issues with the current proposal. The TFlag response will be published as soon as it is available, in the [News](#) section of the TWRA website.

You have an opportunity to read about the scheme and make your own comments on it by visiting the website set up by Surrey County Council here:

<https://shelverswayproject.commonplace.is/>

If you are not already familiar with the proposals we suggest you visit the website above, and view the maps and diagrams before reading the TWRA response. Then you should be in a position to return to the SCC web page to record your own comments. It is important that residents who may be affected by the scheme do make their views known. The opportunity to record your comments may only be available for a few more days.

Summary of the key issues identified by TWRA

The improvement scheme is welcome, as it addresses a number of different issues including environmental improvements, reducing flooding and junction improvements. The public consultation however, is not clear about how these elements fit together so the public responses have understandably concentrated on its individual aspects rather than the regeneration scheme as a whole. We understand the main focus for the scheme is regeneration; we strongly welcome this, but there are also important additional opportunities for flood alleviation that we hope might be included, and are not at present.

We are aware that, following representations by the Tadworth Flood Action Group about torrents of water coming down Epsom Lane South (ELS), the project identified a currently unfunded solution for installation of an over-sized pipe below the ELS roadway to hold and delay water coming down ELS. Unfortunately we understand that will be outside the scope of this scheme due to its potential cost. However, it should be an urgent consideration for any future flood alleviation scheme.

We welcome the introduction of rain gardens but would hope there might be opportunities to increase their area and capacity within the current scheme. We welcome other proposals for enhanced gully capacity, etc. We would like to be reassured that none of the proposals could make the flooding risk worse. For example, if some form of ramp is introduced to improve access to Shelvers Hill, we would suggest that it is made of permeable material so it is not acting as a flow path for water towards the flood risk areas both East and West of the railway line. We have already referred to the very substantial flows coming down ELS during heavy rain. Given that the oversized pipe solution is not likely to be implemented in the timescale of this project, we would like to be reassured that the proposed raised table in the road at the mouth of ELS will not cause water to be backed up putting any the houses that are below the level of the road at greater risk.

We understand that one of the main reasons for the proposed removal of the roundabout and associated changes in priority is to facilitate a ramp for one of the crossings. We are concerned that the major change in traffic priority by getting rid of the roundabout could potentially increase the speed of traffic down Shelvers Way making it more

attractive to SatNav users and increasing the traffic volume from the A217. We understand there have been surveys but we need to see these and understand the possible impact on other local roads, e.g. Kingswood Road, which could become the preferred route for traffic heading to and from Tadworth. Traffic intending to travel South on the A217 might choose to turn left into Shelveys Way and right into Tadorne and left along Tadworth Street again increasing the volume in Shelveys Way and these other roads.

The change in priority will also cause traffic to back-up on Shelveys Hill while waiting to travel across the priority traffic flow to go up Ashurst Road. This backed up traffic could also obscure pedestrians using the proposed crossing and create a potential hazard. It might even encourage more through traffic to use the slip road, intended for shoppers, to avoid delays.

Traffic turning left out of Shelveys Way will have priority so may travel at some speed round the corner into Ashurst Road again putting pedestrians at risk using the proposed crossing there. The location of the crossing might need to be further from the junction.

We are aware of grave concern from local businesses about the loss of short term parking spaces in the current proposal – this will affect them badly, with a negative impact on regeneration.

Given these issues of safety and loss of parking we would suggest that an alternative solution for the crossings might be to retain the roundabout with pedestrian crossings provided across Ashurst Road and ELS. A further crossing for Shelveys Way itself would be from East of ELS on the newly created pedestrian area to the pavement just to the West of the entrance to Hill View Close. Shelveys Way is level on both sides here so there is no requirement for a ramp. This area is not currently used for parking so no spaces would be lost. The presence of a crossing near to ELS will potential slow Shelveys Way traffic and assist drivers trying to emerge from ELS. The steps to the Shelveys Hill shops by the current roundabout and the road island would be retained so able bodied pedestrians could continue to use the currently most popular pedestrian route.

Our experience of providing street seating at Shelveys Green was not positive as it was exploited for antisocial behaviour and residents requested removal. Thus the location and provision of any seating within the proposed scheme would need to be considered carefully.

We applaud the provision of more greenery, the electric charging point and the possibility of children's play/engagement items but need to understand how these relate to existing plantings and would like reassurance concerning their future maintenance.

There is currently an issue of foul water flooding in this vicinity when the sewer capacity is exceeded due to rainwater entering the system. We are aware that some properties' surface water systems are already connected to the sewers and that developers along Shelveys way are requesting more such connections. We hope that the major investment the Councils are proposing to make to improve this area will not be compromised by Planning Authorities and Thames Water allowing more developers to connect rain water systems to the sewers.

Consultation re Closure of Banstead Fire Station restarted from July 5th

The consultation will run until Friday 6th September. If you have already taken part in the consultation, you will not need to do so again as your response will have been saved.

Local consultation meetings include:

Epsom Market Square Thurs 25th July 0730 - 1230

Banstead Community Centre Wed 14th August 1500 – 1700 and 1730 – 1900

Virtual engagement Session Tues 20th August 1800 – 1900 Sign up via [MS Teams Form](#). You will be sent the joining link prior to the Live Event meeting.

For access to details about the proposals and to participate in the survey visit here

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/sfrs/crmp/>

ROADWORKS

Walton Street Closure from 22 July

Southern Gas Networks has been given permission to close Walton Street between Duffield Road and Ebbisham Lane from 22nd July, potentially for several weeks, for gas main works. This includes the stretch of Walton Street where all the shops are located. It will cause significant problems for local residents and all who use the shops. Enquiries are being made to Surrey County Council to establish how long the closures will actually be for, whether they will be all day or just overnight, and what measures can be taken to reduce the impact. Residents living in the relevant areas of Walton Street should have been advised how these closures will affect them.

Shelvers Spur will be closed 8am to 4pm from 25th July for 3 days, Road is having Fine Milling.

Note visit www.twra.org.uk to see weekly details of Surrey Highways planned roadworks.

Trading standards Report

The July Trading standards report covering Scams etc. can be read here:

<https://news.comms.surreycc.info/NLI/ViewHtmlEmail.aspx?a=EF5DE0D5B8DCAA4F386987E736C0E428&b=01F4B13A40364CE91726DC55FB126466>

UPCOMING EVENTS' LIST

Saturday 27th July Good Shepherd Coffee Shop from 10.30 am and regularly on Saturdays thereafter - usually held in the Church.

From 31st July Summer of fun in Tattenham Library – holiday workshops for ages 5 to 11 all from 2pm to 3.30pm Find Booking details by searching for Tattenham Library facebook page. Costs £1 per session Spaces limited apply early.

31st July Insect Hotel, 14th August Drama workshop, 21st August Jam Jar Garden, 28th August Teddy Bear's Picnic

Saturday Aug 3rd from 11am to 3pm Alligator Pear in Tadworth High Street "Family Fun Day" to raise money for a local boy needing urgent medical treatment. See details in the TWRA events page <http://www.twra.org.uk/news/events/>

Sunday Aug 4th from 12.30 pm Good Shepherd Buffet Parish Lunch in the Hall – note you must book by putting your name on the list at the back of the church. (Note Parish lunches are usually on the 1st Sunday in a month).

Sunday August 4th 2pm – 5.30pm Open Garden in aid of National Garden scheme adm £5, Teas by TWOAT at 41 Shelvers Way, Tadworth.

Saturday 10th August Walton Village Kitchen lunches in Riddell Hall and then every second Saturday in each month.

Sunday 1st September from 12.30 pm Good Shepherd Parish Lunch in the Hall – note you must book by putting your name on the list at the back of the church. (Note Parish lunches are usually on the 1st Sunday in a month)

Saturday 14 September Kingswood Village Hall in aid of The Samaritans

[Comedy Night at Kingswood Village Hall](#). Out of Bounds Comedy, presents an evening of comedy fun in aid of The Samaritans. [Tickets £25 online here](#).

For details of the many Group Activities and Events organised by Banstead u3a for those no longer in full-time work, visit here <https://u3asites.org.uk/banstead/home>

Please let me know if you have an event taking place in the next 2 months.

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