

To: All Members of the Executive

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Dear Councillors

EXECUTIVE - 7 MAY 2024

I refer to the agenda for the Executive, on Tuesday, 7 May 2024 and now enclose the questions received in accordance with Procedure Rules 10 & 11.2.

4 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Pages 3 - 4)

The Chairman to respond to a question received from a member of the public for which notice was given in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (Pages 5 - 6)

The Chairman to respond to a question received from Cllr Nicholson in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.

Yours sincerely

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## Notice of public question (Procedure Rule 10) – Executive 7 May 2024

### 1. Question from Catherine Powell, Surrey County Councillor for Farnham North;

Please can the Portfolio Holder explain why the WBC Executive is proposing to endorse the WBC Officer proposed modifications to the Farnham LCWIP that have not be reviewed with Councillors at either WBC, SCC or FTC and that do not align with earlier discussions or address previously raised concerns. Specifically:

- 1) The inclusion of additional Core Walking Zones which do not address the previously raised issues associated with Farnham Hospital – if there is to be an update surely it should address all of the previously raised issues relating to Core Walking Zones. Particularly as the Core Walking Zone associated with Farnham Hospital should be a consideration for the Hawthorns Development.
- 2) A revised set of cycling routes in and around Farnham Park, all of which are either:
  - a. Already in the Farnham LCWIP, or
  - b. Were agreed on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October Meeting and therefore already part of the Annex being prepare, or
  - c. In the case of the “Castle Hill Realignment”, do not address the concerns raised in the public consultation meetings in the Summer / Autumn of 2023 and will instead cause further confusion. Cycle Route 3 (see map below) was reviewed during the Summer Public engagement sessions and the route along Old Park Lane was preferred to the route along Folly Hill and adjacent to the Castle. The Old Park Lane Route was included in the priority routes. The WBC Officers have I believe argued that the Castle Hill Realignment addresses the concerns raised regarding impact on archaeology and ecology associated with that route. However, as can be seen in Figure 1 below, this is not the case, as well as archaeology there are also ecology and safety concerns.

Please can the Portfolio Holder advise why it is not possible to proceed with the Adoption of the Waverley LCWIP and leave the Addendum to the Farnham LCWIP to be reviewed separately, as none of the proposed changes impact on the connections between the Waverley and Farnham LCWIPs.

Cycling Route 3: Folly Hill / Old Park Lane

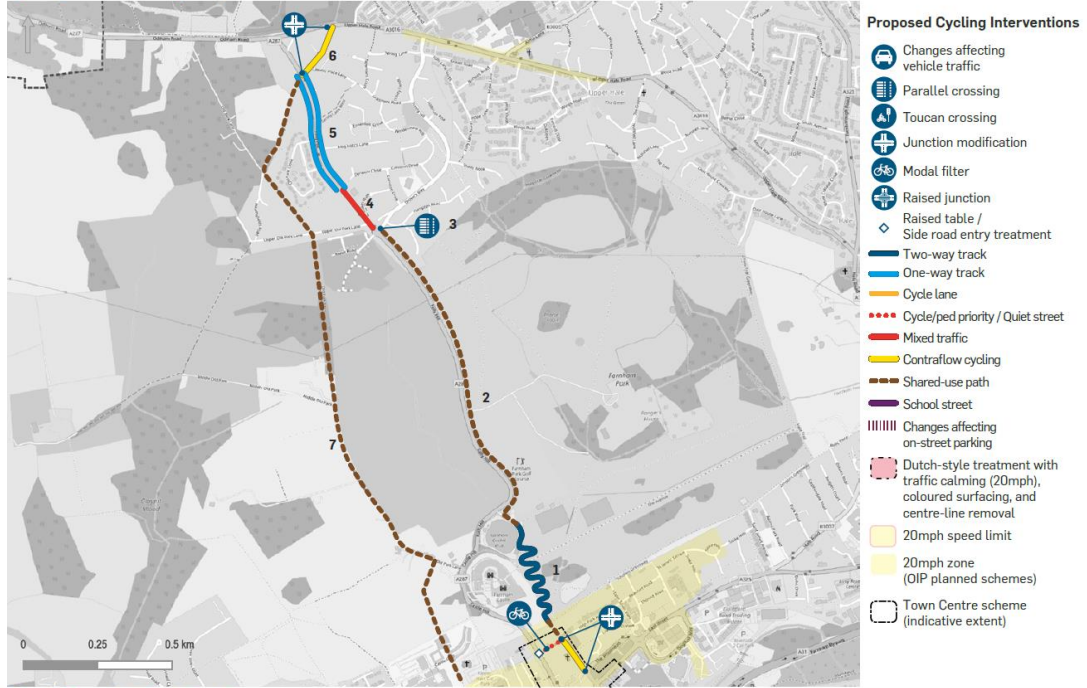


Figure 42. Proposals for Cycle Route 3

Figure 1



## **Notice of Member's question (Procedure Rule 11.2) – Executive 7 May 2024**

### **1. Question from Cllr Peter Nicholson;**

First of all I would like to say that I agree with the unified Waverley document and I also support the local Haslemere concept of linking the Shottermill end of Haslemere with the eastern town centre end with appropriate cycling and walking links

However , there are two proposals which I and local Borough colleagues would vigorously oppose. The first being to form a cycle lane in lion lane by removing all car parking from the western side of the lane. The parking situation is already reaching saturation point with parking on two sides of the road (which also helps to reduce speeding) and feeder roads are also full. A restriction would almost certainly end car ownership for some. There is actually a better solution by upgrading the eastern footpath to a dual cycle / walking path.

Secondly the strong hint of putting traffic lights at the Haslemere Fosters railway bridge to accommodate a single only road lane plus a cycling lane will cause major traffic tail backs If these proposals were actioned and there would be severe reputational damage to the council.

Finally my question is - Will the Executive agree to a full consultation of any proposals with Borough councillors, Town / parish councillors and the local community for any for CIL or other funding.

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