

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following question has been submitted by Mr David Beaman of Farnham in accordance with Procedure Rule 10:-

*"Would WBC be prepared to consider on a case by case basis issuing a free parking permit to blue badge holders who live outside Waverley but work in Waverley on a regular basis - the particular person in mind lives in Guildford but works as a volunteer at the Godalming Hub and has been issued with a permit to continue parking free of charge at Royal Surrey County Hospital."*

The answer from the Portfolio Holder for Environment is as follows:-

*"Whilst the council recognises the value of all volunteers and appreciates their contribution to the community, the council is unfortunately not able to offer free parking to all of the people who volunteer within the borough. It would be unfair to offer free permits to some volunteers and not others. This is the case across most organisations and authorities in Surrey, including the Royal Surrey County Hospital which does not issue permits for volunteers, only long term patients.*

*Waverley Borough Council can only issue free parking permits to Blue Badge holders who meet the qualifying criteria and who live within the borough."*