

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 10 JULY 2018

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

The following question has been submitted by Cllr David Beaman in accordance with Procedure Rule 11:

"At the meeting of the JPC on Wednesday 27th June at which planning application WA/2018/0544 was discussed there was virtually unanimous support which I also personally share for a two rather than single lane access bridge between the A31 and the East Street development site since this will obviously reduce the potential for any increase in traffic using Farnham's already congested town centre roads which has consequential effects on air quality. Concern was, however, also expressed from a number of members that Borelli Walk would also be used on an albeit temporary basis during the construction of the access bridge. Whilst there was appreciation of this concern when the question was asked whether any alternative had been considered the answer given was that there was no alternative. There are, however, a number of other possible alternatives that should have been considered including establishing a temporary entrance/exit to the development site from Dogflud Way into the now closed car park during the period of access bridge construction. Establishing the temporary entrance and exit from Dogflud Way would ensure that there would be no additional HGV movements having to use South Street as well as avoiding any need to cut back or remove any well established trees, remove any commemorative benches or lay down any temporary road surface on Borelli Walk.

Would it, therefore, be possible even at this late stage to investigate using Dogflud Way as an alternative to using Borelli Walk? "

The answer from the Leader of the Council is as follows:

"Waverley has responded fully as local planning authority to the question at Planning Committee however is now addressing the point as a development partner.

As part of the bridge construction design all options of construction have been looked at, including not using Borelli Walk. The reality of the situation is that Dogflud Way is not a viable alternative to undertake the works on the south side of the river by the A31. This area is already being used to assemble the pre-fabricated bridge but does not allow access to the other side of the riverbank. Borelli Walk is the only viable access route to

construct the elements of works necessary on the southern side of the river to install the temporary access bridge that is required.

As part of the planning conditions this area will be fully reinstated at the end of the project. The walkway along Borelli Walk will be re-opened once the bridge is constructed, and remain open for the duration of the construction of Brightwells. There will be a further temporary closure of the walkway at the end of the project, whilst the bridge is removed.”