

The main purpose of this Alert is to remind you of the opportunities you have to be consulted on both the proposed Shelters Way Improvement Scheme (SWIS) and the closure of Banstead Fire Station. The web site for comments on SWIS in particular will no longer be available from the end of this week. I repeat below the details from my previous Alert in addition I can tell you that the response of the Tadworth Flood Action Group (TFlag) can be read on the TWRA web site in the News section here <http://www.twra.org.uk/news/>

In addition I should point out that my last Alert publicised the Walton Village Kitchen Lunch in the Riddell Hall for August – I subsequently learnt that is not taking place due to hall refurbishment so the next one will be in September on Saturday 14th.

Shelters Way Improvement Scheme

Surrey County Council are planning to spend a very significant amount of money to improve the lower end of Shelters Way and its junctions with Epsom Lane South and Ashurst Road and the Shelters 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.

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://shelterswayproject.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 Shelters 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 of 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 Shelveys 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 a route turning 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:

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/>

Other News from TWRA

National Planning Policy Framework

The TWRA's initial assessment of the Government's proposed changes to planning policies which will have a major impact in Reigate & Banstead can be read/downloaded from the TWRA web News section: <http://www.twra.org.uk/news/>

Planned Changes to local Parking restrictions

Following the recent consultation Surrey CC are proposing to implement parking restrictions on the bend in Epsom Lane South as follows: Install double yellow lines on both sides of the bend on Epsom Lane South starting from the grass verge outside number 39 going up to the boundary of number 49 & 47 on the southern side and starting from the entrance to the garages outside number 80 & 82 going up to the drive of number 88 on the north side. This is to prevent obstructive parking on this bend causing congestion, blocking sightlines, and forcing the moving traffic to middle of the road. This proposal is shown in drawing 18175. **There are no other proposed changes in Tadworth or Walton. The full proposal for Surrey can be accessed here:** www.surreycc.gov.uk/reigateandbansteadparking

ROADWORKS

Walton Street & Chequers Lane Closures

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.. Residents living in the relevant areas of Walton Street should have been advised how these closures will affect them.

A217 Lower Kingswood section Overnight Closures

The A217 has been subject to periodic closures near lower Kingswood between 8pm and 6am.

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

Trading Standards Report

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

<https://news.comms.surreycc.info/NLI/ViewHtmlEmail.aspx?a=EF71D3D55FE4A5A17EC1A506DF263EF4&b=01F4B13A40364CE91726DC55FB126466>

UPCOMING EVENTS' LIST

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 or see www.TWRA.org.uk/news/events/ Costs £1 per session. Spaces are limited so apply early.

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

Saturday 10th August Good Shepherd Coffee Shop from 10.30 am and regularly on Saturdays thereafter - usually held in the Church.

Saturday 10th August Walton Village Kitchen lunches in Riddell Hall **temporarily suspended** and then resuming every second Saturday in each month from September.

Sunday 18th August "Teas in the Churchyard at St Peter's" from 2.30pm to 5pm. All welcome in the Church if wet please contact waltonopengroup@gmail.com if you can volunteer to help or make a cake

Sunday 25th August [The Walton & Tadworth Preservation Society](http://www.TWRA.org.uk/news/events/), in conjunction with The Spaghetti Tree in Walton, is holding a Summer Party to raise funds towards its purchase of an at-risk local parcel of open land. See www.TWRA.org.uk/news/events/

Saturday 31st August Model Railway Exhibition in Good Shepherd Hall 10 – 4.30pm, usual prices adults £6; OAPs £5 children £3. Refreshments available.

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)

Tuesday 3rd Sept and Thursday 19 Sept Banstead Commons Conservators volunteer working party event visit their web site for details and to apply <https://bansteadcommons.org.uk/support-us/volunteer/>

Sunday 8th Sept Welcome Back BBQ in the grounds of the Church of the Good Shepherd from 12 noon onwards.

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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Note. The next issue of “The Tribune” is expected to be distributed in November. If you wish to read an online version of the current or previous versions of The Tribune please visit the TWRA web site here <http://www.twra.org.uk/about/t...>