

## **This Document Records – in Bullet-Point Format – the Main Points Made by Residents When Addressing the Parish Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

**1. Princess Alice Hospice:** Action: article in next edition of the Courier

### **2. Road Safety**

#### **a Red Lane**

- Roadside detritus forms a ramp which is causal as regards vehicles tipping over
- Speed is also a main issue
- the road is a rat run
- Geography of road is another factor.
- Danger to pedestrians

#### **b. St. Leonards Rd**

- motorists moving from High Street to Church Road do not pay heed to vehicles coming from St Leonard's Road to the roundabout

#### **c. Hare Lane:**

- Feel they need 20 mph
- Encouraging people to walk / cycle
- Slower speeds more pleasant
- Campaign signs went up 7th Dec – think there has been impact
- Concealed driveways are an issue
- Narrow pavement, likewise

#### **SCC View – Cllr Andy Burton**

- speed data can – under some circumstances – be obtained from satnav data
- AB personally supports 20 mph
- Red Lane needs different intervention
  - New VAS

#### **EBC view – Cllr Mary Marshall**

- We need greater voice in Surrey – why 20mph in Foxwarren?
- Claremont / Foley / Woodbourne Rd – vans and parking

### **3. Raleigh Drive**

- Tonnage restrictions needed
- Wider infrastructure issues
- No budget

#### 4. Oaken Lane

- Horses
- People knocked over
- 20/30 mph time difference
- Discourage through-traffic

#### 5. Torrington Lodge Car Park

- CPC had asked EBC to remove the “large supermarket” [LS] option from the list of being assessed. EBC had refused.
- If the LS option is to remain, CPC wants a Retail Impact Assessment [RIA] for the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Must be adequate parking

##### **M Rollings**

- Commitment to look into EBC providing an RIA by 19th May

##### **Mary Marshall**

- No vision will satisfy everyone
- Has CPC given any thought to regarding the Community Centre as a Community Asset — for transfer?

##### **Options Currently Under Consideration**

- 100% residential
- Residential / gym
- Residential / health
- Residential / retail
- Views for M&S not represented

#### 6. Claygate Centre

- Claygate Community Alliance takes over 1st Sept
- Charity Commission approval end March
- Volunteers needed!
- [claygatecommunityalliance.org](http://claygatecommunityalliance.org)
- Community events
- Staffing plan is to rely on volunteers
- Existing services to continue as far as possible.

- Fitness centre, not enough room for big gym
- Significant number over 65 have a Personal Trainer!
- Membership will be £24 p.a.
- Possible wrap-in with pool etc. for membership
- There will be reasonably priced meals

## 7. Threat to Green Belt [GB]

- New GB NPPF guidelines: will allow development of GB which is “within reasonable walking distance of a railway station”
- Loseberry Farm – surveyors have been seen at work.
- GB between Claygate & Esher, 32 hectares
- 1,200 additional dwellings
- 1,600 cars
- Possibility of an “Extinction level event” insofar as our existing community is concerned.
- The absence of a Local Plan [LP] for Elmbridge does not help our situation.

### **M Rollings**

- Crown Estate have a duty to get best price
- Last attempt at an LP rejected by Inspectorate
- Undone by government & NPPF will become law
- Rigorous review of applications
- Producing a new LP may well take 2–3 years
- Plan of how to do produce new LP July–Sept
- Developers do have us under siege
- Width restriction on sprawl
- Current government target for EBC is to build 1,600 houses per year for 15 years
- Hook Park

### **A Sheppard**

- CPC had submitted comments on proposed NPPF
- CPC has some funds for the engagement of a planning consultant
- Concept of Grey Belt is loosely defined
- April 2027: planning authority will be East Surrey

## **8. Raleigh Drive**

- Standard of EBC's representation on this issue was poor
- Thames Water – tech issue

### **M Rollings**

- EBC rejected the application initially on failure of sequential test
- Government changed rules, almost literally “overnight”
- EBC had only a brief period to reconsider, after which felt it had no option but to approve the application, given the change of rules by the government.

## **9. Gordon Road**

- The absence of a Local Plan is a severe problem.
- When will we have a defensible local plan? → 2029
- What can we do?
- When will we have an emerging local plan? → Sept 2027
- CPC & EBC objected to NPPF changes

## **10. Other topics raised but not specifically discussed:**

- Common Rd and The Causeway parking issues
- Road widening
- Sensible free parking
- State of pavements
- Potholes
- Blocked pathways
- Poor cycling provision
- Blue Heart sites
- Commuter parking – Hare Lane
- Stevens Lane / Common Road – white lining
- Church Rd – road safety