

## **QUESTIONS TO COUNCILLOR N HUME**

### **Question to N. Hume at O & S from Cllr R Frankel**

#### **Question 1.**

Given the increasing level of congestion on local roads, and damage caused to the forest from the high volumes of traffic using the A104, does the portfolio holder agree that the M11 full interchange (North facing slip roads) at Junction 5 should be promoted again with the Highways Agency/government.

### **Questions to Cllr Hume from Cllr Janet Whitehouse**

#### **Question 2**

When residents who live in a road with yellow lines have building work done, in order to get to get dispensation from the restrictions they have to pay £15 for the first day and £5 (10-4pm restriction) or £1 (1 hour restriction ) for subsequent days.

Residents who have residents' parking bays in their road can use visitors' permits which are much cheaper.

Cllr Haigh and I have had residents complaining about this dispensation fee.

Who decided, and when, that a fee should be payable and what considerations were taken into account in setting the level of the fee?

#### **Question 3**

Sunnyside Road, Epping is on the edge of the controlled parking zone and has suffered badly from displaced parking. Many complaints have been made by the residents to me, Highways and the police. Highways officers have prepared proposals to introduce parking restrictions in Sunnyside Road which should alleviate the situation. However residents are frustrated at the length of time it is taking to get the restrictions in place and are considering civil action against the county council. Will you please give details of what processes are still required with dates?

#### **Question 4**

Are there regulations relating to the width of crossovers and, if so, what are they? Those constructed at older houses are fairly narrow but more recent ones are much wider and some are the width of an entire garden where this has been paved over. The result is that in some roads there is little kerb remaining for vehicles to park and other roads are likely to become like this.

### **Questions for Councillor Hume from Transport Group – Epping Forest Youth Council**

#### **Question 5.**

At our recent big youth debate one of your officers described pricing on buses for young people in this district as a 'dogs breakfast'. What can you do to standardise fares or make buses free?

#### **Question 6.**

At the recent big youth debate it was said that bus drivers shouldn't discriminate in any way against any group. In our survey it was discovered that a number of young people said that bus drivers were rude to them and applied different fares on the same bus. What is being done about driver attitudes and having consistent age criteria?

**Question 7.**

How much money is spent on rural bus services by the county council and how are these prioritised?

**Question 8.**

What is being done to regulate cleanliness on all bus services seeing as it was one of the top three priorities highlighted from our piece of consultation?

**Question 9.**

What consultation occurs when a bus route is to be removed, and when young people are affected what steps are taken to disclose other services provided?

**Question 10.**

What have the county council done to speak to bus service providers about subsidizing pricing?

**Question 11.**

Have you started discussions with the District Council on what funding is available for new services as one of your officers promised at the big youth debate?

**Question 12.**

What has happened about the 'mystery shopping' on bus services to better the quality of the service and is it possible for young people to get involved?

**Question 13.**

What has happened about getting more subsidized bus passes for young people?

**Question 14.**

What is being done to encourage young people to use public transport?