



Traffic and Planning

What you told us



Thank you to all who completed our winter Survey. Views on traffic calming measures in the High Street were very mixed. People were concerned about traffic density and speed on Heath Road and the top of Monument Hill.

You value the green spaces, river, convenience for London, schools, high street and safe environment of Weybridge.

Your concerns are overdevelopment, the future of the walk-in centre and GP services, insufficient parking and air pollution.

69% thought government needs to do more to tackle climate change. People want more electric vehicle charging points and a proper commitment to insulate homes.

And 58% thought government needs to do more to stimulate building affordable homes. But people questioned whether "affordable" homes were actually affordable in Weybridge.

Weybridge Traffic

Your councillors have for some time been seeking improvements to traffic issues in Weybridge, with a particular focus on safety. Our main requests have been for a 20 mph speed limit through the town centre, improved pedestrian safety and safer walking and cycling routes for parents with young children, school children and occasional cyclists.

We understand the ire of drivers with regard to sports and leisure cyclists, though new Highway Code regulations give greater protections to pedestrians and cyclists, and place the onus on motorists to ensure they are driving safely.

Surrey County Highways were commissioned to do a traffic survey of Weybridge and the first results of this are due soon. These will be reviewed with your local Borough councillors, giving us the opportunity to identify gaps or known local problems not covered in the report.



Car park at rear of Café Rouge

Not only have the owners tried to redevelop the Café Rouge building (see over), they have also bombarded the council with various applications to build on the car park to the rear of the site.

Proposals have included a gallery, housing and offices. All have been turned down because of local parking stress. The most recent application was for 'ancillary storage associated with the use at ground floor level at No. 85 Queens Road'.

However, the proposed design looked very much like a two storey house, which led to speculation on the applicant's intention for the site. The risk was a subsequent application under Permitted Development for a change of use to housing (and therefore more on street parking).

Councillors decided to strengthen the restrictive condition designed to prevent this change of use, or any other transport-intensive Class E use, such as a Nursery. They voted for Cllr Ashley Tilling's proposal that the Restrictive Use condition be amended to include that the building should **not** be used for residential use or any other Class E usage.

85 Queens Road

Weybridge councillors sitting on the local Planning Sub-Committee have repeatedly persuaded councillors from other towns to refuse many applications for re-developing the old Café Rouge site at 85 Queens Road.

Cllr Ashley Tilling, believing this art deco building to be a significant part of the street scene, felt it should be protected further. He proposed to Surrey County Council that it should be Locally Listed. This was agreed in November 2021.

While protecting the building itself, councillors had given permission for an extension of the ground floor restaurant. Local residents will soon have a new restaurant, the owners having recently applied for a new licence to operate it as Mimi's.

Flytipping

Statistics show that fly-tipping in England increased last year, with household waste (from house clearances) accounting for the biggest proportion of the problem. Surrey has not escaped this increase, as reported recently by Surrey Live.



But did the increase start back in 2016 when Surrey County Council started charging for household waste at local tips? A policy that was opposed by Lib Dem councillors on Surrey County Council.

For Elmbridge, the issue is that Elmbridge Borough Council picks up the bill for reporting and clearing up.

Finding and funding effective solutions to this practice is problematic. People propose CCTV but it is expensive. Number Plate Recognition cameras might be a solution, but they still cost and sorting through the pictures is laborious and time consuming for the police.

Is it time to assess whether reducing dumping charges at the recycling centres will encourage people to dispose of waste in a more environmentally friendly way?

Can you help our local team?

Name:

House name or number:

Post Code:

Email:

Telephone:

Send this back to: 2a Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge KT13 9TN

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WORKS ON ROADS AND PATHS

Work will be carried out before the end of March at two sites in Weybridge Riverside. Both are designed for better and safer walking and cycling in Weybridge.

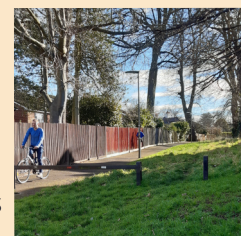
Baker Street / Monument Hill junction

The work is to improve pedestrian safety by altering the profile of the left turn from Monument Hill into Baker Street and slowing the flow of cars into Baker Street.



Grotto Path

The path between Grotto Road and Oatlands Drive is an important route for pupils of St James Primary School and for access to Oatlands Recreation Ground. The current path is under 3m wide and is obstructed in two places by substantial trees and their roots. The works will involve moving lampposts and widening or clearing the full width of the path.



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