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CONSERVATIVE TEAM BRINGING POSITIVE CHANGE TO MERROW

During the past four years, councillors Graham Ellwood, Jennifer Jordan and David Carpenter have been working hard for our area.

Graham has been involved in discussions with Merrow Woods residents about speeding and, as a consequence has funded a Vehicle Activated Sign, which a team of residents is maintaining. This will flash to remind speeding drivers that the limit is 30mph.

In Three Gates, Graham has funded shin railing to stop cars driving across, and damaging, the green. Nearby in Bushy Hill Drive, and from the same allowance, he has funded wooden anti parking staves to stop vehicles parking illegally on the



Graham and Jenny at the Bushy Hill play area

grass verge.

This follows the severe damage to the verge caused by vehicles parking on it last winter.

GRAHAM'S ACTION ON REVIEW OF CPZ

Merrow Councillor Graham Ellwood is seeking a number of parking restrictions in the area as part of the Guildford Borough Council Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Review.

These centre around waiting restrictions in Merrow Parade to stop all day parking and enable customers of the shops to park more easily. He is also seeking double yellow lines at the junctions of roads with the Epsom

Road and in the vicinity of St Thomas of Canterbury primary school and St Peter's secondary school to alleviate parking problems affecting nearby residents.

Graham said "These proposed changes ought to ease the situation in the area, which I know local people have concerns about. Do get in touch with me with any further suggestions."

JENNIFER URGES IMPROVEMENTS

Jennifer Jordan has attended meetings and liaised with residents in Horseshoe Lane and Laustan Close regarding inconsiderate parking.

This is particularly serious outside the schools, and on Sundays, outside the church. The teaching staff and church officers have been supportive, but the problem continues.

Jennifer said: "Improvements to traffic flow and consideration for residents is needed now, sooner rather than later."

GOOD NEWS ON RECYCLING

Guildford Borough Council has a target of achieving 70% recycling of household waste by 2016 and some areas are performing strongly, including Merrow.

Our area has the strongest average performance with more than 65% of collected material being recycled.

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CONSERVATIVE TEAM LISTENING TO YOU ABOUT GOSDEN HILL

Councillors Graham Ellwood and Jenny Jordan are very concerned about the potential effect of large scale development at Gosden Hill Farm.

Graham and Jenny understand the need for more affordable housing for young first time buyers, especially those who currently live in Guildford and those who work in Guildford but who cannot afford to live here. They also appreciate the need for social housing for the large number of Guildford residents on GBC's housing waiting list.



Graham and Jenny at Gosden Hill

However, with the Slyfield development scheduled within the next 10-15 years, the potential effects on the infrastructure of Merrow are huge. In addition to the need for better roads, an all ways junction on the A3 will be needed to avoid traffic congestion.

The siting of this is still unclear but given that the Gosden Hill project falls within the parish of Clandon and that a new secondary school is also planned to be sited there, it would ease congestion in Merrow if the junction was at the existing Clandon slip road.

There is also the question of the need for more primary and secondary schools and doctors' surgeries. Having this infrastructure in place, as well as suitable roads, is a prerequisite of any development.

Graham said: "I think we all accept that we need to build more houses but the question is where they should go and the infrastructure, which needs in my view to go in first."

Jenny added: "We are listening very closely to what residents are saying to us about the impact of Gosden Hill."

Graham and Jenny will continue to work to ensure the quality of life of all Merrow residents is enhanced, not adversely affected, by local housing development.

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Recent news that the trustees of the Onslow estate are going to offer the land at the Pay and Play golf club to Guildford Borough Council for the new Local Plan causes Graham and Jenny major concerns.

While nothing is set in stone at this stage and whilst the sites to be included in the new Local Plan will depend on prior infrastructure improvements we feel very strongly that this site should remain in the green belt.

When planning permission was granted for this green belt land to be used as a golf course, Jenny and I always suspected the original application might be a precursor to property development and we will robustly resist any attempt to develop this site.

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