

Questions by Members of the Public

Question: “Councillor Mrs Sarbie Kang previously asked a question in the Council Chamber at the Executive Committee Meeting held on 16th January 2024 on my behalf that I was denied the opportunity to put myself about the unspent committed budget for partial remedial works to address water flows and regular flooding in Pennypot Lane. My attention is drawn to Table 3 attached to the Capital Budget 2023/24 which is in part looking at future commitments but it would appear that item C0701 Pennypot Lane £40,000 is listed under “surrendered scheme budgets”. Taken literally this might imply that the funding is now withdrawn. Such action would not be consistent with the verbal answer given to Councillor Mrs Kang”. Would the Chairman hazard a guess as to what is going on”.

Answer: “A revised design for the Pennypot Lane flood alleviation works is now underway. The latest proposals are substantially different to the original works, involving construction within the highway and considering potential improvements to main-river capacity. An updated schedule of construction costs and responsibility will be provided once the design is agreed. Works related to main-river or flood capacity are likely to attract Environment Agency (EA) funding. The remaining Surrey Heath Borough Council (SHBC) contribution is expected to be no higher than was previously agreed (£40k), funded from the drainage reserve. A further update will be provided in due course in relation to the next steps on this project in the coming months.”