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Firstly I should like to thank all members of the committee, members of the Redhill Committee and others who have advised and informed me on subjects ranging from Accident, Airport, Bus, Cycle, Environment, Highway and traffic matters that have subsequently become the subject of Transport Committee Reports.

In particular I must mention Sandy Robson who sadly died at the end of February. Sandy had a special and enthusiastic interest in Railways and represented the Society at many meetings;

Quietly spoken Sandy had a comprehensive local knowledge that included the past and present workings of our local bus transport system. He will be missed by all his friends.

As part of the Consultation process the Borough of Reigate and Banstead has agreed to publish on the Council web site Reports submitted by the Society about Population Growth and the traffic suppression scheme for the London - Brighton Road.

Members will no doubt recall that this problem involved the possible transfer of traffic from the A23 to the A217, Reigate High Street and other local streets. Various suggestions have been made some are being investigated and should be available for view on the web or hard copy if requested from me. One advantage of our democratic system is that providing arguments for and against are available the debate can proceed and our elected representatives will hopefully be able to make the right decision for the long term benefit of the community.

It has been reported elsewhere that there is a strong lobby nationally in favour of Traffic signal schemes that suppress traffic flow. The capital cost of removing roundabouts and the installation of Scoot traffic signal schemes with no apparent benefit, together with an increased annual maintenance and energy demand costs may conflict with the Climate Change Act. and it's long term objective of a low carbon economy.

It is reported that the Partnership Contractor for Surrey's Highways is scheduled to be changed to "May Gurney" in April this year. It is to be hoped that the Company is expert in quality control.

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