

The verbal reply for Mr Hirsh's supplementary question for Spelthorne LC 19/3/12:

Supplementary Question from Mr Hirsh:

“Given that the projects will cross County and Borough areas of responsibility, which portfolio holder will have oversight and be ultimately responsible for ensuring that the objectives enshrined in policy are met; and who may be held to account by local residents for the implementation of policy?”

Answer from Jan Haunton, Strategy Group Manager – Environment & Infrastructure Directorate:

Oversight and responsibility for environmental, transport and planning matters depends to a large degree on the nature, location and scale of the issues concerned. Indeed in some circumstances, for example in relation to strategic sites, a case may be considered by several Members at both County Council and Borough Council level. However in general, matters relating to strategic transport and environmental issues are the responsibility of Surrey County Councillor John Furey, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment. At a local level, planning matters are dealt with by the Spelthorne Borough Council Planning Committee. Matters relating to more strategic planning issues or sites such as the Eco Park, are considered by the Surrey County Council Planning and Regulatory Committee (Chaired by Councillor Marisa Heath).