

ASHLEA MEDICAL PPG FIGHT FOR ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES AT LINDEN HOUSE, LEATHERHEAD

If you are a patient at Linden House Surgery (or, in fact, Dental Elements or parent at Little Oaks Nursery) you will know the issue of trying to find a parking space in the public car park in Upper Fairfield Road. As there is no nearby alternative, this causes significant problems for patients, particularly the elderly, and mothers with young children/pushchairs. This has resulted in patients being late, or even missing appointments, and the knock-on effect causes considerable disruption and problems to both Doctors and surgery staff.

We discovered that the spaces currently designated for "Permit Holders Only" are leased by the Council to a local business and cannot therefore be used by the general public. For patients, this situation is increasingly frustrating as not all of these spaces are used on a regular basis and, on occasion, are completely empty!

Consequently, the Practice and its Patient Participation Group decided to jointly organise a petition with a request to the Mole Valley District Council to review the situation. Councillor Joe Crome was asked for his help and guidance and a petition of 582 signatures was presented to MVDC on the 25th May 2017.

AshLea Practice Manager, Lucy Shabrokh has also written to both Mole Valley D.C and Surrey County Council asking that consideration be given to both drop kerbs and an ambulance/drop-off bay outside and adjacent to the surgery to assist both paramedics and disabled and wheelchair users who already face an uphill and difficult task in getting from the current allocated disabled bay. The PPG has contacted Councillor Tim Hall to request his assistance in helping to make this happen!

The picture below shows PPG Committee Members Richard Garrard (Chairman) and Susan Eddleston outside Mole Valley Offices prior to presenting the petition on the 25th May 2017.

