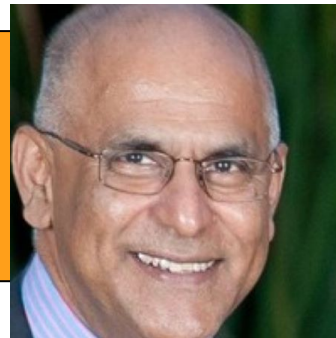


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PRESS RELEASE

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT HEATHERSIDE COUNCILLORS RESPOND TO TRAVELLER COMMUNITY INCURSION

Last Friday Heatherside Liberal Democrat Councillors (Cllrs Wrenn, Tapper & Skipper) were on the recreation ground within minutes of the travelling community setting up an unauthorised encampment. They waited for and met Council Enforcement Officers and the Borough Police Commander as soon as they arrived. We are confident that the appropriate authorities will take steps through the courts first thing on Monday to address the situation and bring the incursion to an end as swiftly as possible.

In the meantime, Liberal Democrats regret the politicisation of the situation by the Leader of the Conservative run Council by claiming that Tory Councillors – voted out of Heatherside in May 2019 – were responsible for the actions taken so far. It is clear that both Surrey County and Surrey Heath Borough Councils need to work together urgently to find a permanent solution to the issue of facilities for the Travelling Community rather than delaying further as they have in the past.

I would like to thank the Heatherside Councillors and Council and Police officials for their swift action to date.

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Cllr Christian Wrenn discusses the situation with Council and Police officers last Friday