

Members' questions at Council – 6 March 2015

Question from Councillor D Taylor

South Wye relief road

Question 1

- a) In the event that the people of Herefordshire elect a party to run this Council that does not support the building of the Relief Road from the A49 to the A465/B4349, will the £27m funding that has been allocated have to be returned to Government, or given to the other partners with in the Local Enterprise Partnership: Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin to spend on a project that they may have or can this Council retain the funding that has been allocated to be spent as they wish without reference to the two other Councils?

- b) Could you please advise when the planning application for the link Road is to be submitted for consideration by the Council's Planning Committee.

Answer from Councillor PD Price Cabinet Member Infrastructure

Answer to question 1

The funding allocation has been secured via the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) specifically to support delivery of a link road between the A49 and A465, as part of a wider package of transport improvement measures planned for South Wye. That funding would be retained by government if the project did not go ahead, and would not be available either to Herefordshire Council or the Marches LEP for any other use.

A planning application is being finalised in light of pre-application guidance and will be submitted shortly.

Supplementary Question

Could you confirm if the roundabout has been moved from the line shown at the public consultation held at the Three Counties Hotel.

Could you arrange to meet the owners of Pykeways, Clehonger who are not content with the proposal to take a corner of their land to build the new link road from the A465 to the B4349 as there is a meadow of approximately 4 acres which be could be used by moving the road to the east.

Answer from Councillor Price

The location of the roundabout has been moved very slightly to improve the junction. The line of the road has not changed since the consultation was undertaken. Moving the road to the east would make it difficult to comply with the required national design standards. Officers will meet the owners of Pykeways.