

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 28 September 2017

Question 1

Mr C Rumsey, Westhope

Hereford Bypass

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

Is it not the duty of all officers of the council to inform the members fully on all matters concerning a Hereford Bypass (east or west). Why have the recommendations of the inspector, who chaired the round table meeting held twenty years ago not been sent to all members? The recommendation was for the proposed Bypass to be constructed to the far east of the Lugg meadows.

Question 2

Mr R Palgrave, How Caple

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

Page 51 of the Strategy (Planning Application Process) says, "For all new developments, the developer will be required to demonstrate that the development will not cause any notable increase in flood risk to people, property or infrastructure elsewhere." The qualifier "notable" is meaningless and immeasurable. Why does the strategy not require that developers should demonstrate that there will be no increase to flood risk?

Question 3

Mr E Morfett, Breinton

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

Please explain why the updated Yazor brook hydrogeological modelling and flood impact assessment of proposed Core Strategy Housing Development at Three Elms is not included in the Strategic Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Question 4

Ms J Wise, Breinton

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

I seek assurance that due consideration has been given to the risk of flooding which may arise if a bypass were to be constructed to the west of Hereford. Contingent on this also is the viability of house construction where no study of the drainage from such development has been undertaken. Lessons should have been learned from the unfortunate deficiencies which occurred in the Furlongs development.

Question 5

Mrs W Steel, Lower Breinton

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

Given that there is a deadline to get a flood risk management strategy to the government to support this proposal and, as such, you have a meeting on 28th September to finalise this, have Herefordshire Council carried out any proper analysis on the area proposed for the Bypass up until this point? If so can full details be provided.

Question 6

Dr P Ronan, Breinton

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

Please explain why Herefordshire Council is planning to build on flood plains given the mandate not to build on flood plains subsequent to the disastrous flooding experienced in the North of England in recent years?

Question 7

Mr K Farnes, Hereford

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

Why does the Strategy (Planning Application Process) not require developers to demonstrate that there will be NO increase in flood risk to people, property or infrastructure?

Question 8

Dr N Geeson, Hereford

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

New developments must “comply with strict run off control measures to ensure they do not worsen existing run off rates”. But can you provide assurance that sufficient data (such as from hydro-geological surveys) and local knowledge will be collected to determine the extent of necessary measures accurately and be made publicly available?

Question 9

Ms J Smith, Hereford

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

Yazor Brook designated SINC
Environmental and Hydrogeological concerns
Huntington Hamlet Conservation Area on a Flood Plain, especially considering extreme weather (especially rainfall) conditions associated with Climate Change.

How to resolve the problems of flooding, land drainage, etc.
Revised FRA not completed by Developers

Herefordshire Council have not included the Updated Yazor Brook Hydrogeological Modelling and Flood Impact Assessment in the FRAS.

WHY HAS IT NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FRAS?

Question 10

Mr J Trimble, Hereford

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

Please explain why Hereford Council is planning to build on flood plains when the consensus is not to build on flood plains subsequent to the disastrous flooding experienced in the North of England in recent years.

Questions 11

Mr B Lunt, Lower Breinton

Flood Risk Strategy

To: cabinet member: infrastructure

Floodplains provide vital protection against damaging flooding. I am concerned that the council proposes to build a Western Bypass crossing the river Wye and floodplain with a road and elevated bridge. Heavy machinery, concrete foundations, building materials and steel sections will compact and cause great damage to the floodplain and its ability to prevent flooding. What steps will the council take to prevent damage to the floodplain?