

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 30 April 2020

Question 1

Ms S Sumner, Fownhope

To: cabinet member, infrastructure and transport

Are the road repairs to the B4399 between Fownhope and Mordiford continuing during the lockdown because we need to come out of this crisis with something like the village we normally live in? Also is there an expected end time for the repairs and what is it?

Response

I am committed to ensuring the reopening of the B4224 as soon as possible when we have completed the significant repairs to the road damaged by Storm Dennis. We have not as yet had confirmation that we will receive government funding for all of the repair works (including the repairs at Fownhope) that are needed following Storm Dennis and this may mean that the council will have to fund these works from our own budgets which would be a significant pressure and may mean that we need to review our current capital programme to delay or stop current programmed capital work. The Leader of the Council has written to our local MPs requesting their assistance to secure this and I would ask residents and local businesses to consider doing the same.

However, given the urgency of the B4224 works these schemes will progress as part of the council's response to the emergency situation. I have agreed officers will continue to use their emergency powers and the repairs of the landslip on the B4224 at Lechmere Ley will therefore commence as soon as possible. The detailed design works to repair the retaining wall at Stone Cottage on the B4224 will also be progressed and I can assure you that we are exploring all opportunities to enable the road to be reopened as soon as possible. I am hopeful that this could be achieved by early autumn and I will be pushing to get all works completed as soon as possible with a view to bringing this forward.

Question 2

Mr R Palgrave, How Caple

To: cabinet member, infrastructure and transport

Is there a revised schedule for the review of transport strategy for Hereford, which was originally intended to report at the end of July 2020?

Response

Work on Hereford Transport Strategy review is continuing to programme and it is currently anticipated that a report setting out the outcome of the review will be produced on programme by end July. This will be then be considered by cabinet to determine next steps and this will be the subject of a governance decision in due course.