Appendix 1

Consultation Responses

Herefordshire Council Ward Councillors

There were 3 responses to the consultation as listed below, these have been considered in the report and a full response will be provided once the decision has been made.

Councillor	Comment
Cllr Summers	It's possible that I do not quite understand what these funds can be used for. However, I have had major issues for a number of years with flooding on a narrow road running off the B4399 through the village of Dinedor. It has been looked at by Balfour Beatty engineers, land owners have been involved to no avail. The problems have partially had to do with old drainage pipe running under the road. Presently there are planning applications for about 8 houses in the area. As far as the parish council and myself are concerned the road is not suitable for the traffic that uses it presently. It has reached the point where I will not sign off on any planning applications until the road is upgraded to suit the needs of the residents.
Cllr Shaw	Given that the majority of public open space in the county is not within the public realm contract can we expect an allocation of this sum to the benefit of that land? I refer ,of course , to the county's holding of common land which I have to say has been starved of any investment and even basic maintenance probably since the creation of the council? Vis. "the larger amount has been gathered for the maintenance of public open spaces" Even the title of the decision is misleading as it refers only to the highway maintenance commuted sums. Otherwise this decision seems to be a "grab" of funds vested in the council for one purpose and used to bolster the annual roads maintenance fund. I also appreciate that the sum is to cover maintenance over a number of years – you do not state what the range of years is (5-10) , (5-50)? The decision seems to be advocating sending it all in one year (20/21)? How then is future maintenance to be funded? Unless you can explain this much better I think this
	decision will need to be called in for scrutiny.
Cllr Hewitt	In order to take a view on this I need to understand it. In plain speak:

I have no idea what a 'commuted' sum is.	
The assets referred to make no sense to me – street furniture/road painting/drains/road surfacing ????	The assets referred to make no sense to me – street