

Appendix 3 - Independents for Herefordshire Group Comments

- The Plan is welcomed but it is unclear how progress on the report is to be reported on during the year. Previously quarterly meetings have taken place at the BBLP depot on Rotherwas. These may have been stopped due to the poor attendance by Members. Please say whether these meetings are to continue or say what is to be put in their place. This is an important opportunity for Members to feedback concerns as road conditions change.
- The consultation meetings planned for the end of January have now been communicated. Not all Members can attend. We will be recommending to members of our group to send in a written list of roads in their Wards requiring particular attention. Should all Members be encouraged to do this? For those who attend, will each be asked to list roads in their areas that are of particular concern? If so the meeting might become unmanageable.
- Members should be encouraged to pass on local knowledge, not so that political pressure can be asserted (because the plan should be decided on based on evidence of need), but so that roads of particular concern can be highlighted in case they have been missed off the list and roads which are in the plan which Ward Members consider should not be given priority can be highlighted.
- Our Group welcomes the indication that lists to which officers refer will, as matter of course, be communicated at some time in the future. This will reduce the need for Members to repeatedly ask where roads in their Ward are on a list. This applies equally to structures and roads.
- Our Group welcomes the assessment of the best contractor to carry out work included in the £5.882m and additional £5m. The placing of orders with other contractors than BBLP in 2024/5 seems to have been a success. Our Group asks that that success be evaluated to ensure that lessons are learned