

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO ENVIRONMENT AND SUTAINABILITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
16 DECEMBER, 2025**

Question 1

Mrs E Morawiecka, Hereford.

To: The Chairperson of Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee

The remit of this committee includes scrutiny of Transport, incl. Active Travel.

It is unclear when this scrutiny committee undertook any scrutiny of the Local Transport Plan in particular policies on Carbon, the natural environment or Biodiversity Net Gain.

A Local Transport Plan Consultation for the period 2025-2041 took place this summer and yet this committee has not considered scrutiny of the Local Transport Plan 2025-2041 or even the various responses to the Local Transport Plan consultation, prior to the plan going forward for adoption at full council on 5th December.

At what point in this committee's work plans will the overarching Herefordshire Council Transport Strategy for 2025-2041 be considered or has this committee lost the remit for scrutinising Transport for the County and making recommendations on Council policies?

Response

The draft Local Transport Plan was scrutinised by Herefordshire Council's Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee. This committee scrutinised the plan most recently on 3 June 2025, making recommendations to Cabinet to help shape the draft plan. This draft plan, as a key part of the council's budget and policy framework, was approved by a substantial majority at Council on 5 December 2025.

You can see the papers, minutes and recommendations from the meeting of the Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee on 3 June at <https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=70234>.

Because scrutiny of the Local Transport Plan has been undertaken by the Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee, and will continue to be, the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee does not plan to do so. Instead, the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee will, going forward, lead on scrutiny of the forthcoming Local Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Infrastructure Plan.