

Supplement 2 to the agenda

Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee

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PQ 1	Paul Kirwan, Bredenbury	Briefing document 'Supplement 2 to the agenda'; Appendix 1, 12/03/2025 contains factual inaccuracy: Page 15, item 5, references greenways in the LCWIP consultation process. The tabulated response includes: "It is important to note that Greenway schemes have undergone a comprehensive feasibility study, which identified several challenges to progressing these projects." As a matter of public record, these studies were commissioned by advocacy groups without consideration of existing land use or impact on existing businesses, therefore skewed in favour of greenway proposals. These reports are not adopted by council. Raised in public questions to full council 09/12/2022, then cabinet member for environment and economy, Councillor Chowns "acknowledged that the report submitted to the Council regarding the WBL Greenway presents only one side of the case for the creation of a new route for a Greenway." Does the Committee recognise this inaccuracy?	Chairperson of Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee
Response: Thank you for your question. The committee notes your concern about the wording of the response to the recommendation made by the committee in March 2025. The committee is likely to scrutinise the development of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan in a future meeting, and will take on board your concern when it reviews its recommendations as part of its work.			
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PQ 2	Mrs E Morawiecka, Hereford	“One strategic objective of the Local Transport Plan is “tackling climate change and protecting and enhancing the natural and built environment”. Highways England (Letter to Herefordshire Council May 2016) says that rerouting the A49 would alleviate congestion on the M5/M6 motorway network by moving vehicles and freight that currently use the motorway network onto the A49 through Herefordshire. The LTP Policy TN6 only mentions Climate Change and says nothing about the natural and built environment. Will the Committee consider whether the strategic objective is being met by LTP Policy TN6 and is accordance with the Climate & Nature Emergency declared by Herefordshire Council , or whether it needs to be strengthened to recognise embodied carbon in construction of new transport infrastructure and the carbon emissions generated over the life of new transport infrastructure & loss of habitat?”.	Chairperson of Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee
Response: Thank you for your question. The committee cannot commit to any particular line of enquiry during its scrutiny of the Local Transport Plan. However your suggested lines of enquiry will be circulated to committee members in advance of the meeting.			
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PQ 3	Jeremy Milln	Today, at Agenda item 8, this Committee will consider the draft LTP, as it did on 21st January. Among the omissions from the SEA, on which it is based, although several minor infrastructure	Chairperson of Connected

		projects are listed there, are the priority GVP station project at Pontrilas and the proposed W Bypass. Unconsidered in the SEA, the objectives scores (for healthy behaviour, environmental protection etc) cannot be relied upon. While the bypass features in the LTP, the rail project does not along with other omissions like schools transport or policies to address speeding or air quality. What is the Chair's view of these matters and how will he seek to guide his Committee when it makes its recommendations?	Communities Scrutiny Committee
Response: The fundamental role of the scrutiny committee is to hold the executive to account for their actions and policies. It does so through the interrogation of evidence presented to it, and from its interrogation makes recommendation based on the evidence it has considered. As such it would be inappropriate for me to declare any sort of view on the matter, or to guide the committee accordingly. However your comments will be circulated to committee members in advance of the meeting.			
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