

## **1. Supplement to the agenda for**

# **Cabinet**

**Thursday 18 December 2025**

**2.30 pm**

**Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane  
Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE**

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## **Title of report: Hereford Western Bypass Phase One Land Acquisition CPO**

**Meeting:** Cabinet

**Meeting date:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Cabinet member:** Councillor Price, Transport and Infrastructure

**Report by:** Corporate director, Economy and Environment

**Report author:** Delivery Director - Infrastructure

### **Supplement to report to include PGC comments**

#### **Consultees**

Political Groups Consultation 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The consultation was attended by 13 councillors from across the Conservative Party, Green Party, Independents for Herefordshire and Liberal Democrats groups. The following discussion/feedback was noted:

- Members expressed support for the process of starting the CPO at this time. There were no objections to Cabinet starting the CPO process.
- Questions were raised about the Side Roads Order from 2018 and members sought assurances that any changes required to accommodate landowners or to accommodate access to public rights of way were included in the order. Officers gave assurances that the order made in 2018 covered all of the public rights of way issues including an additional bridleway that were raised as concerns by the inspector in 2018. Any further changes would require a new Side Roads Order to be made but at this point officers believed that no further changes would be required.
- Questions were raised about the need for a full business case in order for the decision to award the contract under the current tender arrangements. Officers explained that the tender is in two stages with the first stage of contract award being for Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) in order to finalise the designs of the scheme and get approvals from Network Rail and National Highways as well as to determine the budget required to deliver the construction stage of the scheme. The second stage of the tender is for the construction contract which will not be awarded until June or July 2026 at which point a full business will be available to support the use of the budget for construction.
- Questions were raised concerning the need to review the business case and officers made a commitment to come back to members with a written response on the likely governance

arrangements that will surround the award of the construction contract in July and what opportunities members will have to scrutinise the business case.

- Cllr Lester reminded the PGC that the focus of the discussion should be on the CPO decision being taken by Cabinet so that proper feedback could be gained and taken account of by Cabinet and that the focus on business case discussions should happen at scrutiny at a future point.
- Cllr Price gave assurance that the notes from the PGC would be considered by Cabinet on the 18<sup>th</sup> December meeting and thanked members for their attendance.