

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 28 MAY 2010****Question from Mr P McKay, Leominster**

- 1 *Having asked a number of questions I have learned that Herefordshire has 339 unsurfaced county roads totalling 164 km in length, yet does not know if they are passable by equestrians even though they are inspected annually, on foot if need be, since these inspections only record hazards. A 1999 inspection recorded passability, signage, obstruction, etc, information that is required due to British Horse Society undertaking an Emagin project to record all equestrian routes, and I ask if Council would review the inspection criteria for its unsurfaced county roads to include passability, signage, condition of gates, long term obstructions, ploughing etc. In a similar way to inspections of public rights of way, being I suggest reasonable public expectations of highway inspections, and thereby obtain better value for money for the cost of these inspections?*