

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 19 NOVEMBER 2010

Question from Mrs J O'Donnell, President, Hereford Guild of Guides

Question 1

What is the justification for the closure of the tourist information office in Hereford with the consequent loss of jobs when tourism is a £410 million industry and Hereford is the County town?

Question from Mr P Cocks, Hereford

Question 2

What is the overall council policy of equating income from car parks with maintaining a friendly shopper/visitor balance and fairness across the county and will council staff, like most other workers in the city of Hereford, have to pay for parking on the proposed new 600+ spaces car park at Plough Lane?

Question from Ms A Sancha, Hereford

Question 3

Could the Council explain what fuels road transport will be powered by in 2020-25 and what will be the relative importance of each?

Question from Mr L Clements, Hereford

Question 4

Why is the Council sticking to imposed central targets planning targets for house building and retail land requirements.

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Question from Mr R Priestly, Hereford

Question 5

The term “sustainable economic growth” is used in the LDF without proper definition. Please define both terms “sustainable economic growth” and “unsustainable economic growth”.

Question from Ms J Straker, Hereford

Question 6

Has the Council researched the likely impact on traffic numbers of the inevitable steep rise in fuel prices over the life of the Local Transport Plan Strategy and what are the conclusions that have been reached?

Question from Mr B Widdowson, Kington

Question 7

Could Herefordshire Council say how much the adoption of the Community Infrastructure Levy to pay for the relief road will add to the average cost of a home being built within this plan?

Question from Dr E Parker, Hereford

Question 8

Concerning the buildings within the Northern Magazine Section of the Rotherwas Munitions Factory, which individual, what department, and when was the decision taken to demolish most of these unique heritage assets?

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Question from Ms P Mitchell, Hereford

Question 9

*What does the Council's evidence base (i.e. the 'Hereford Relief Road – Study of Options' Report (Aug 2010) referred to in para 4.13) predict for the amount of time saved on the **average** trip (please give duration and length of the average trip) with a relief road for the PM peaks in 2016 compared to the 2008 baseline?*

Question from Mr A Simmonds, Hereford

Question 10

Can the council provide clear financial detail demonstrating how Herefordshire can afford both the bypass and the other infrastructure required?

Question from Mr A Fisher, Hereford

Question 11

The Vision states that 'dependency on the private car will be reduced' (para 2.5) and that a network of cycleways, footpaths and bus priority lanes will reduce residents' reliance on the private car' (para 2.4). If this is to be the case then how have the 'overall costs of travel' to people travelling on foot by bicycle and public transport been calculated and what weight have these been given in choosing transport and housing options for Hereford?

Question from Ms M Burns, Hereford

Question 12

In its numerous consultations on the Core Strategy (i.e., on issues, vision, objectives, and developing options) which the Council sites as giving popular support for its Hereford Outer Distributor/Relief Road, what information were people given about the traffic reduction effects of a Relief (or Outer Distributor) Road, and alternatives to road building?

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Question from Mr S Horsfield, Hereford

Question 13

Herefordshire needs to shoulder its share of the burden of English population growth. What modelling has taken place of the economic and social consequences and out comes bearing in mind population/demographic profile of the county, the decline in employment in the private and public sectors and insufficient transport links?

Question from Mr D Straker, Hereford

Question 14

What evidence does the Council have on whether the single river crossing could be discouraging car use and what studies have the Council undertaken of the potential for an additional river crossing to encourage increased numbers of car trips?

Question from Mr C Grover, Much Birch, Hereford

Question 15

In February this year the Standards Committee upheld a complaint (SC0916) against a parish councillor that he had breached the Parish Council Code of Conduct Paragraph 3(1) and failed to comply with Rule 5. Three sanctions were imposed by the Committee but to date (8 November) only one of those sanctions has been complied with and even this sanction, a letter of apology, was delivered to the complainant well outside the time limit set by the Committee and has not yet been considered by the Parish Council as required. Will the Council state what it is doing to resolve this contempt of a decision by the Standards Committee?