

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 17 JANUARY 2014

Question from Mr P McKay, Leominster

Question 1

Reported in Hereford Times on 13 November 2013 is the fact that back in 2009 a review of the backlog of Definitive Map modification orders advised the cost as £200,000 per year plus £300,000 per year for factors like legal support, whereas I am advised in reply to question 19 July 2013 that the Local Street Gazetteer will be online in coming months, this data comprising roads, both adopted and unadopted highways, cycleways and paths, not all of which are dual recorded on the Definitive Map, and by Grant Thornton, your auditor, that it only costs about £10,000 per year to maintain this data. Whilst the volume of work covered by these reports may not be identical I think it fair to conclude that the cost of maintaining the Definitive Map is significantly more than maintaining the Local Street Gazetteer, with the main reason for this being that the Definitive Map is a legally conclusive document subject to more stringent procedures. Yet when I ask for copies of the "Protocol for Processing Requests for Determination of Highway Status", the title given to the procedure for modifying the Local Street Gazetteer, it is not available, with only procedures for modifying the Definitive Map being available.

So may I ask when the "Protocol for Processing Requests for Determination of Highway Status" can be expected to be made available enabling errors and omissions to be reported maximising the most cost efficient procedures, and keeping dual recording to the minimum ?

Question from Mrs V Wegg-Prosser, Breinton

Question 2

Herefordshire Council Local Plan / Core Strategy

In the light of recent Transport Modelling for the Core Strategy which indicates that the County's Local Transport Plan objectives have a greater chance of being met without a Western Relief Road, when will the Council abandon its endorsement of this proposal?

The results reported in the Summary Report include:

- *Up to 69% increases in journey times through the urban area*
- *Up to 58% increases in CO2 emissions*
- *Up to 38% increase in junctions above capacity*
- *Up to 27% increase in traffic crossing the river*
- *Modal shift of only 5 percentage points away from car use in 20 years*

https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/media/7020236/summary_report_of_core_strategy_modelling.pdf
