

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 26 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**Question from Mr M Sandaver, Herefordshire**

Question 1

**Road repairs**

*Why are the roads in such an appalling condition and repairs not carried out?*

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**Question from Mr M Watson, Herefordshire**

Question 2

**Hereford United Football Club**

*Can Herefordshire Council confirm that the officers and any external agents acting and negotiating on behalf of the Council with Hereford United FC have used their best endeavours to protect the public interest in respect of the assets in the matter of Hereford United FC?*

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**Question from Mr W Morrell, Herefordshire**

Question 3

**Hereford United Football Club**

*Can Herefordshire Council confirm that the development agreement covering the Edgar Street football ground and associated facilities entered into by the Council and the Club specifically excludes any party from employing external consultants delivering unnecessary services and incurring unwarranted costs thereby failing to secure best value for the public interest and that the Council have secured the right and obligation to approve or dismiss these imported costs?*

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**Question from Mr A Munsley, Herefordshire**

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**Question from Mr C Morris, Leominster**

Question 5

**Hereford United Football Club**

*Can the council comment on the seeming habit of discussing vital community issues such as the freehold of the Edgar Street Leases in un-minuted meetings with out of town businessmen, and will the council commit to minuting all future meetings on these subjects?*

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**Question from Mrs E Morawiecka, Breinton**

Question 6

**5 Year Housing Land Supply**

*Herefordshire Council planning officers repeatedly state at Planning Committee meetings that Herefordshire has no 5 year housing land supply, despite the fact Herefordshire Council is looking to submit a sound Core Strategy to the Planning Inspectorate within the next few months, having spent well over £4million on developing this local plan. Since November 2013 the calculations have been promised, with the latest comment by the Director for Economy, Communities and Corporate (General Overview & Scrutiny meeting 6th January 2014) stating that a planning inquiry would inform the position on the 5 year housing land supply in Herefordshire and it was minuted at the time that “a further written response would be given to Dr. Williams (of CPRE), along with the calculations used”. As officers have recently understated one parish council’s planning permissions since 2011 by 400%, would the Cabinet member please provide the 5 year housing land supply calculations as promised to Dr. Williams, including the exact breakdown of planning permissions granted since 2011, by ward?*

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**Question from Ms P Mitchell, Hereford**

Question 7

**Progressing the Southern Link Road through the Planning System**

*What steps are required for the Council to secure planning permission for the Southern Link Road and what is the projected timetable for taking them?*

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**Question from Mrs V Wegg-Prosser, Breinton**

Question 8

**South Wye Transport Package**

*Regarding the congestion on roads coming in to Hereford from the South, and South West, if there is evidence to show that the A49 is 'at capacity', (Cabinet Minutes, July 2014), why is there a recommendation in the South Wye Transport Package proposals to ensure that all Heavy Goods Vehicles use this same A49 into Hereford, rather than the A465?*