

## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 29 JULY 2021**

### **Question 1**

**From: M Burns, Hereford**

**To: Cabinet member, infrastructure and transport**

If the plan for an urban wetland park, (from a consortium led by Herefordshire Wildlife Trust) on the former Essex Arms site by the City Link Road is approved, will the aim to include a pedestrian/cycleway across the park to link the station transport hub and central Hereford and NMITE also be welcomed?

### **Response**

Thank you for your question. Yes, the ambition would be to provide high quality walking and cycling routes whenever possible and although there are no detailed plans for the area you refer to yet, the direction would be to designers to provide such a link here. That link could then join up with the shared footway / cycleway that runs along the City Link Road to the train station.

### **Question 2**

**From: A Bridges, Hereford**

**To: Cabinet member, finance, corporate services and planning**

Given the improvements to governance and oversight of capital projects agreed with Audit & Governance by the then Chief Executive back in January 2018, were the then Leader of the Council (Cllr Lester) and the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure (Cllr Price) made aware of the acquisition overspend and financial risk mounting on the City Link Road project?

### **Response**

The cabinet member decision in November 2017 set out the HCCTP cost increases and how these were proposed to be funded utilising the majority of the risk and inflation contingency allocations within the overall HCCTP – which included all the LEP-funded active travel and public realm projects.

Whilst land costs have increased since that time the detail of increased costs set out in that 2017 cabinet member report were based on the project position and information at that time and were set out in detail in the key considerations and financial implications section of that report.