

## Agenda item no. 5 - Questions from Councillors

Question No.	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Cllr David Hitchiner	<p>It is likely that many residents who support the proposed Southern Bypass do so in the belief that it will reduce traffic in Hereford. The Outline Strategic Business case with the Cabinet papers relies heavily on this.</p> <p>A report prepared for the last conservative administration by wsp, which I have only seen in draft form, states that the effect of the SLR on journey times on the A49 is that they will remain “at existing levels” as will the level of delays at the A49/A465 junction. This is counter to what is required to support a business case. Notwithstanding this evidence the previous conservative administration continued their plans and their spending for this road.</p> <p>Will this administration be straight with Herefordshire residents about the lack evidence to substantiate their claims that the SLR will reduce traffic in Hereford?</p>	Cllr Price
<p><b>Response:</b> An updated business case for the first phase of the Hereford Western Bypass is being developed. This will include an updated traffic model to reflect the contemporary situation. This Business Case will form part of a future report to Cabinet to release the £30m the council have made available within the capital programme, and therefore this information will be publicly available for scrutiny prior to the meeting.</p>			
<p><b>Supplementary question:</b></p>			
<p><b>Supplementary response:</b></p>			