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FEBUARY UPDATE

Castle ward

On behalf of your local
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Dear Residents

Please find enclosed my latest monthly update abridged for the parishes of the Castle ward.

This time of year sees the setting of the Council's budget for 2018/19 and I have been lobbying for more funding in capital and revenue budgets for highways as well as funding for our vulnerable



Children and Adults.

I have continued to participate in the Kington Health Commission and discussions continue on the future provision of the Small Injuries Unit, the Logan Jack care beds and community services.



As I do every year I am reporting the traffic figures for the four principle villages subject to large impact from HGVs continuing to monitor traffic movements and growth in our local network.

Last month I arranged a meeting of all my Parish Clerks, two planning officers and Balfour steward at the Olde Stepps Café in Pembridge. Our discussions included communication with highways and planning, new data legislation and administration issues.

In this month's update I cover Highways with the traffic figures, the consultation on the Hereford bypass and the emerging budget proposals.

As ever if I can be of help please do not hesitate to contact.

ROGER

HIGHWAYS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**BREDWARDINE BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH
12TH – 14TH**

**A NOTICE HAS BEEN ISSUED TO CLOSE THE BRIDGE IN
ORDER TO CARRY OUT WORK TO ITS STRUCTURE. IT IS
ANTICIPATED TO TAKE NO LONGER THAN 3 DAYS.**

Diversion will be by Bridge Sollars bridge

2017 Village Traffic figures

In 2005 working with my colleague from Eardisley we had installed grey monitoring boxes which record every day the number, type and speed of traffic through our main villages. Every year I report the October figures to my Parish councils in full (including speed and timings) and summarise the number and type of vehicles in my updates. I separate the motorcycles, cars and cars and trailers in one category and HGVs, small trucks, large vans, tractors and Buses in the another section.

I choose October as it also reflects a busy time of year agriculturally and have included 2016 and 2006 figures. Eardisland, Titley and Staunton do not have any boxes. Although not in the Arrow ward I have included Eardisley figures which helps give an overall picture of the traffic movements of the area.

Unfortunately the *Lyonshall lines last year were damaged so the Autumn figures are not reliable, so I have used the July figures. The mechanism has been repaired and is recording again. Important also to remember that the grey box in Pembridge is sited on the west end and the traffic travelling into or leaving Pembridge from the East and travelling down Bridge street is not recorded.



The 2017 October traffic figures over a month period was

**Shobdon 4,602
vehicles per day
with 20.5% (944)
being larger
vehicles
Eardisley 4,222
vehicles per day
with 24% (1011)
Pembridge 2,851
vehicles per day**



with 26% (740)
*Lyonshall 2,457
vehicles per day
with 9% (223) *

The 2015 October
traffic levels over a
one month period

was

Eardisley 4,494 vehicles per day with 24% (1081) being larger vehicles.

Shobdon. 3,658 vehicles per day with 27% (985)

Pembridge 2,699 vehicles per day with 24% (658)

Lyonshall. 2,393 vehicles per day with 20%. (458)

The 2006 October traffic levels taken on average over four months

Shobdon 4,425 vehicles per day with 19% (841) being larger vehicles

Eardisley 4,271 vehicles per day with 19% (811)

Pembridge. 2,332 vehicles per day with 19% (443)

Lyonshall. 2,056 vehicles per day with 17% (350)

I have been using these statistics to evidence the need for highway investment. I am waiting to see the proposed resurfacing programme for 2018/19 and how much of the highways I had requested have been identified .

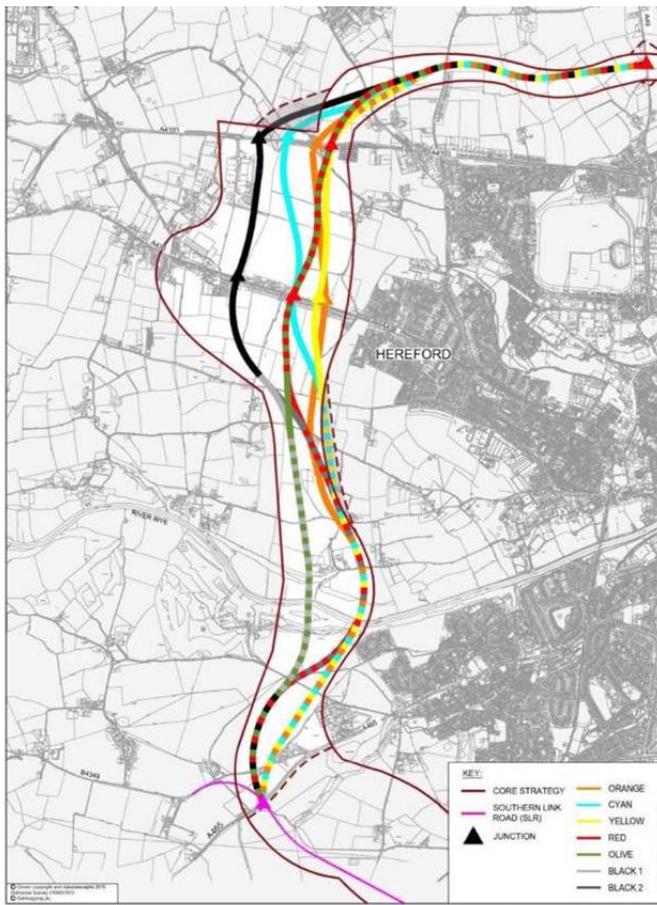
Cllr Barry Durkin cabinet member for Highways on a recent visit to Pembridge

Please can I encourage you all that any defects which need looking at **INCLUDING EMERGENCIES** to please either log on the Herefordshire Council website or by phoning 01432 261800 where all defects will be dealt with in a timely manner.

Herefordshire Council website is the one-stop-shop for up to date information

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and pot holes are now available on the Council's website.

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole>



Hereford Bypass

There has been a long debate about building a bypass around Hereford. The current situation is that Herefordshire Council are committed to building it and have just published five potential routes. The routes are on the western side as crossing the Lugg meadows on the eastern side is not possible.

The routes cross the river between Clehonger and Belmont, pass Breinton through Kings Arce road, go by the new Livestock

Market before turning east to go back to A49, north of the new large housing development opposite the racecourse.

There is a lot of local opposition to building this but I believe if we are to deal with the growth of the County and provide a decent future we must have a bypass and that the vast majority of people agree. This is our chance to get a highway most neighbouring cities and towns achieved decades ago, now is the time to speak up.

The formal consultation on identifying the single preferred route begins on 6th- 8th February both online and in the Old Market Retail centre. The exhibition will then move to Hereford Library on

retail centre. The exhibition will then move to Hereford Library on Friday 16 February where it will remain for the duration of the consultation period, until Tuesday 20 March.

The exhibition can be viewed during normal library opening hours and staff will be available to answer questions on Saturday 24 February and Saturday 10 March between 11am and 2pm.

The exhibition and film showing the route corridors will be available to view at Herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP from Tuesday 6 February.

Planning permission and funding already exists for the section from A49 to A465 and work will begin on this section once the compulsory purchase orders have been completed later this year.

2017/18 Herefordshire Council Budget

This is the time of the year when the council sets the budget and agrees the council tax for the next financial year. The emerging proposals indicates, in line with the Council's three year financial plan and the indication of [the reduction of Government grants](#), an increase of 2.9% in council tax plus 2% social care making 4.9% .

Parish Council. Police and Fire precepts will also be added to the final Council Tax bill.

For 2018/19 a balanced budget of [approx. £144 million](#) has been identified. This will be funded by

Council tax	£ 99 million	(£93 million in 2017/18
	£89m in 2016/17).	

Business rates	£33 million	(£32.5 million in
2017/18	£30m in 16/17).	

Government grants	£12 million	(£19 million in
2017/18	£27m in 16/17).	

The growth of social care budgets and the reduction in Government grants causes the degree of savings and cut backs in services. In setting this budget some £12 million pounds worth of

services. In setting this budget some 2.12 million pounds worth of savings has been identified for this next financial year. Expenditure includes adult social care budget at £52 million and the Children's non school budget will be £23.5 million (both after income fees)

From 2010/11 to 2021 the Council has and will make £96.2 million savings. The Council also approved its capital programme of expenditure. I enclose the link to the councils Medium Term Financial Plan

<http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50054501/Appendix%201%20-%20Medium%20Term%20Financial%20Strategy.pdf>

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WW1 CENTENARY ART COMMISSIONS

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Herefordshire Council

POPPIES: WEeping WINDOW
BY PAUL GUMMINS ARTIST AND TOM PIPER DESIGNER

14th March to 29th April 2018
Hereford Cathedral

#PoppiesTour
www.herefordcathedral2018.org

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