

QUESTION NO. 1

Councillor Hopper to ask the Chair:

Cow Lane Bridge One-Way System

At the meeting of the Strategic Environment Planning and Transport Committee on 22 November 2017, under agenda item 16 paragraphs 4.1-4.3 Cow Lane Bridges - Highways upgrade, it was stated that:

"Officers continue to liaise with Network Rail regarding the traffic management requirements for the scheme, with the objective of minimising disruption to the travelling public whilst enabling the works to be successfully undertaken."

I would be grateful if the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport could please inform me how the decision to make the road under Cow Lane bridges one-way for six months was arrived at and what alternative solutions were considered to what has now proven to be an extremely disruptive alteration to traffic flows ?

Furthermore, will the Lead Member agree to request that Traffic Officers look at this one-way scheme once again over the next couple of weeks to see if the level of disruption is worse than was anticipated and, if so, put forward an alternative solution to minimise disruption to the travelling public ?

REPLY by the Chair of the Traffic Management Sub-Committee.

I invite Councillor Page, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport to make the response on my behalf.

REPLY by the Councillor Page, Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport:

I thank you for your question.

Officers have just presented the reasons for the Cow Lane closure and addressed your questions within the presentation.

As you have heard our officers are continuously monitoring the diversion route as well as the wider road network and will make reasonable changes where they can.