

## CABINET MEETING 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012

The following Statements and Questions had been registered by the time of publication.

### REGISTERED SPEAKERS

There were 7 notices of intention to make a statement at the meeting. Where the intention is to speak about an item on the Agenda, the speaker will be offered the option to speak near the beginning of the meeting or just before the Agenda item.

### Statements about issues NOT on the Agenda

- David Redgewell (South West Transport Network)  
Re: Planning and Transport Development
- Amanda Leon (Radstock Action Group)  
Re: Victoria Hall and related issues
- Cllr Eleanor Jackson  
Re: Victoria Hall and Radstock Development Funding

### Re: Agenda Item 21 (Home Improvement Agency)

- Phil Gait (Chairman, Care and Repair)

### Re: Agenda Item 22 (Keynsham TROs)

- Cllr Alan Hale
- Cllr Charles Gerrish
- Roger Busby (Resident, Dapps Hill)

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - COUNCILLORS

<b>M 01</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	Councillor Michael Evans
Would the cabinet member please explain why provision for the zebra crossing on Radstock Road Midsomer Norton (A362) at Welton Primary School does not appear on the capital register, in spite of the public being informed in a PACT meeting in 2011 that it was to go ahead?		
	<b>Answer from:</b>	Councillor Roger Symonds
<i>A proposal for a zebra crossing on A362 Radstock Road outside Welton Primary School is listed on the Traffic &amp; Safety Task Register, which is a list of schemes to be considered and prioritised for possible future funding. However, formal pedestrian</i>		

*crossings, including zebras, can only be justified where certain numerical criteria relating to pedestrians crossing the road are fulfilled. Counts at this location have shown that, outside of school entry and exit times, very few people cross the road here. Those accessing the school are well catered for by the existing School Crossing Patrol. As a result a formal zebra crossing cannot be justified at this location, at the present time. There is some lunchtime pedestrian activity associated with the nursery in the school, therefore it is proposed to extend the Crossing Patrol duty hours to cover this period. With regard to the information released at the PACT meeting, I am unaware of who said what, however it is possible that there has been some confusion between the Task Register and the Capital Works Programme. As stated above, this proposal is on the Task Register, but is not on the current Capital Works Programme*

<b>M 02</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	Councillor Alan Hale
In the light of the answer to Cllr Gerrish's question MO6 to the Cabinet meeting on November 11th 2011 and following a conversation with the Taylor Wimpey Managing Director Nigel Holland and Land and Planning Director Greg Wilkinson on January 30th in which both men expressed a willingness to consider providing a temporary haul road for development traffic from Charlton Rd to the K2 site thus avoiding the impending misery for residents of Park Road Keynsham and other approach roads, can the Cabinet Member please explain whether the council has and will reopen negotiations with appropriate landowners to establish a suitable route?		
<b>Answer from:</b>		Councillor Tim Ball
<i>The arrangements for the management of construction traffic are the responsibility of the developer however there appears to be merit in the option to avoid Park Road. I will ask officers to contact the developer and investigate the practicalities and the required permissions for an alternative temporary access route onto Charlton Road.</i>		

<b>M 03</b>	<b>Question from:</b>	Councillor Geoff Ward
In respect to the report identifying Bathampton/Batheaston meadows as a site for flood compensation/relief for the city, is it envisaged that any earthworks would be needed to achieve the relief volumes required and what assessment has been made on their visual impact?		
<b>Answer from:</b>		Councillor Tim Ball
<i>Bath Compensatory Storage Study Phase 1 Report (Nov.2011) by WYG Engineering sets out a preliminary investigation into potential compensatory storage upstream of the city centre. The provision of compensatory storage will be created by reducing or re-profiling the existing ground level. All areas of excavation will be subject to sympathetic reinstatement thereby minimising visual impact. The compensatory storage area will be</i>		

*normally dry. It will be designed to fill and drain when needed ensuring the continued use of the land for agricultural and other purposes and avoiding the areas become water logged for longer periods.*

*WYG Engineering is now preparing the Phase 2 report for the Council and this will include the consideration of the visual impact. The public consultation to identify the preferred site planned for spring this year.*

*I am happy to sit down with Councillor Ward and discuss this matter further with him at any time during to consultation process*

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - PUBLIC**

There were none