

### Questions submitted by Mr George Bailey

1. Who owns the Oak Tree at the junction of The Street and Wells Hill in Radstock?
2. There is no Planning Permission for removal of subway and building Houses so therefore there is no need to move the tree, at least for one year. The Developer is also showing no interest in starting work. Why not delay?
3. Paul Crossley has stated publicly "No road without houses", so is tree to be moved in spite of this?

All the following relate to the Press Release of 15th October, headed £500,000 for Radstock.

4. £150, 000 to improve safety for people "on foot who use bicycles" (sic). No doubt useful, but would it not come from Highways budget, not Economic Development, so is not part of this package.
5. £50,000 for the play-park. This is useful, but hardly economic development. Surely the money should come from Environment?
6. £25,000 to widen Morley Terrace. Surely this should this come from Highways?
7. £10,000 for 20 mph speed limit. Surely this should this come from Highways?
8. £5,000 to provide a pavement on blind bend... Surely this should this come from Highways?
9. Since transport is such an excellent driver for economic development, why is it that the Halcrow study into the Feasibility of the Frome Radstock Branch appears to be sidelined? A discussion took place with Roger Symonds on August 30th, but no conclusions were published. It was on the Agenda of the 10th October meeting of the Cabinet and a Statement was presented, but the matter was not debated. What does this Authority intend to do with it?

### Answers

1. B&NES owns the Oak Tree.
2. For the best chance of survival, the tree must be moved between November and February. Therefore it is opportune to move it now to prepare for the future road works.