

STATEMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL MAY

I will make a political point and local specifics.

It is positive that the WECA sustainable transport document presents a strategic direction of travel but as the document introduction states quite clearly it covers the three Unitary Authority areas in WECA but the detailed document shows all four Unitary Authority areas are covered.

All of the maps and text covers North Somerset who are not in WECA so their funding should be exclusively related to the three UA area!

Secondly the document talks about integrated transport but separately refers to rail, bus, cycling, walking apart from the obvious car needs for rural communities so it should address whole journey integration, or the public will not use the public transport options.

In relation to my area...

...The plan vaguely still shows a park and ride at Whitchurch which would be awful for villages along the A37 and Whitchurch Village itself.

...it still refers to JLTP4 but no longer shows the route from the A37 to A4 yet doesn't drop the previous concept. So why not relieve worried communities by dropping this idea officially?

...the A37 is a main route to the south coast into Bristol so why not consider this as a strategic improvement route?

These are small changes that would be valued by local communities.