

CABINET – 26 APRIL 2022

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions	Cabinet Member
<p>1. COUNCILLOR FREDDIE VAN MIERLO</p> <p>In reply to a question at the last Cabinet meeting you told me that "There will be no East West corridor. This scheme [HIF1] will form no part of a through route for strategic travel. This is a route for local use not a through route as you so rightly say and we have the powers and the flexibility to be able to make that the case and to make that irrevocably the case."</p> <p>We know that National Highways are working on a solution to reduce the traffic on the A34 and we know that one of their previous plans to do this was to build an East West corridor between the A34 and the M40 south of Abingdon. If they should propose this again, could you outline what powers we have to make sure this is irrevocably not the case?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY</p>
<p>2. COUNCILLOR FREDDIE VAN MIERLO</p> <p>The paper published for Cabinet March 15th 2022, Didcot Garden Town Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF1), stated without HIF1 a lack of infrastructure may impact strategic development sites, including Chalgrove Airfield. Notwithstanding that SODC's Local Plan explicitly states</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ENRIGHT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAVEL & DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY</p>

Questions	Cabinet Member
<p>that it is not reliant on the site within the first 5 years, and no building is anticipated until 2025/6 at the very earliest, the airfield development has never been named in HIF1 applications. Will the Cabinet member correct the record that Chalgrove Airfield is not a reason to deliver the HIF1 project? Can you also report back as to why this development was referred to in the paper?</p>	
<p>3. COUNCILLOR DAVID BARTHOLOMEW</p> <p>I am advised that the council is to spend £5000 per annum on a councillor aid system called 'Caseworker'. That amounts to £15,000 between now and the end of your administration in 2025. The Conservative Group has already declared it has no use for this system, and only 12 councillors across all parties have indicated interest. Why are you unnecessarily spending so much council-taxpayer money on this indulgence wanted by less than 20% of councillors?</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR GLYNIS PHILLIPS, CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES</p>