

CABINET – 18 JUNE 2024

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

<p>1. COUNCILLOR IAN MIDDLETON</p> <p>"A controlled crossing across the A44 near to Begbroke has been something the village has been calling for for over 30 years. 2 years ago this administration finally approved the proposals and allocated funding. The Parish Council were extremely impressed that we'd at last taken their concerns seriously and they would have their crossing very soon.</p> <p>Some 2 years on from that point we have approved drawings and completed a consultation on the project, yet we still have no idea when the crossing will be installed. Proposed start date after start date has been missed and during a recent meeting I attended with Paul Fermer it appeared that the works had still not been programmed.</p> <p>Villagers' eager anticipation about the crossing and positive view of the council has now soured into distrust and annoyance that we seemingly don't want to commit to</p>	<p>COUNCILLOR ANDREW GANT, CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT</p> <p>I have discussed with officers and can confirm that the scheme to install a crossing at Begbroke has funding allocated and is within the councils' minor improvements programme. Unfortunately, the work has not progressed as quickly as hoped or communicated, and I appreciate the frustration around this. I have asked officers to ensure effort is made to meet delivery commitments made and that any delays are communicated.</p> <p>I can confirm that detailed design is nearing completion. I have asked officers to provide you with the remaining steps and likely timeframe for remaining work, this will be provided by the end of the month.</p>
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actually getting the job done. There is now a belief that they are being fobbed off and a concern that funding may be pulled, leaving them back where they started 2 years ago. I have assured them that this is not the case, but their faith in those promises is starting to wear thin.

Could the cabinet member now provide me with a firm date for the start of works and his personal assurances that this date will not be missed? Preferably a date before the end of this administration as I'd like to see the project through before the next County Council election".

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.