

**Thursday, 14 September 2017, 10.00 am, County Hall,
Worcester**

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COUNCIL
14 SEPTEMBER 2017**QUESTION TIME**

Question 5 – Rat run in Ryall

5. Mr P Middlebrough will ask the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"Rat runs are infuriating to residents at the best of times, the volume of traffic, the speed and the noise cause anxiety and distress to residents. Imagine how much worse it is when a road signed as ACCESS ONLY becomes the rat run. The road through Ryall is one such rat run linking the A38 to the A4104. Every working day morning and evening, on days when there are events at the Three Counties Show Ground motorists ignore the signs and there is no attempt to prosecute those drivers. What steps can you take to eliminate this one mile rat run and bring some degree of tranquillity back to Ryall?"

Question 6 – Procurement

6. Mr R M Udall will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning:

"Will the Cabinet Member tell us what steps the County Council is taking on procurement to ensure that companies that have blacklisted workers do not get contracts?"

Question 7 – Promotion of Worcestershire produce

7. Mr R M Udall will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities:

"Will the Cabinet Member confirm how Worcestershire produce is promoted by the County Council?"

Question 8 – Diamond Buses

8. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"In view of the fact that barely a day goes by without a Diamond bus on a service in Wyre Forest either breaks down on its service route or fails to leave the garage because it is unserviceable; could the Cabinet Member please tell me what if any progress he has made in discussions with the management of DiamondBus?!"

Question 9 – Traffic Management Schemes

9. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"It would appear that Highways Maintenance decisions are being made on roads where traffic management schemes have previously been installed by the Accident Studies Team without any reference back to that Team. This has resulted in previously installed road safety schemes being effectively negated. Could the Cabinet Member please inform me what steps are going to be taken to ensure that "joined up working" takes place and long fought for schemes are not destroyed?"

Question 10 – Controlled crossing near the hospital roundabout on the B4636

10. Mr A C Roberts will ask the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"You will be aware that the safe route to school to Nunnery High and Primary Schools is incomplete. A controlled crossing at a point near the Hospital roundabout on the B4636 was to have been provided as a condition of the adjacent field being developed. However, the City's Planning Authority has been unable to grant permission for development so the crossing hasn't been provided.

I welcome that the County is now to take the initiative and provide the crossing but my concern is for the interim period.

Could I ask that a professional view is taken of what interim measures might be introduced as quickly as possible to safeguard children using this route. Could serious consideration also be given to extending the 30 MPH limit to the Nunnery/Grange Way roundabout, which I believe would reduce the speed of vehicles approaching the crossing point?"

Question 11 – Survey of parked vehicles – Harley area of Warndon Parish

11. Mr A C Roberts will ask the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"You will be aware of the frustration and inconvenience caused by nuisance parking by commuters in the Harley area of Warndon Parish. I have been assured that a survey of parked vehicles and drivers will be carried out to establish their final destination and why they don't park closer to where they want to go.

This information is essential before any further work is done. Could I be told when the survey will be carried out?"

Question 12 – The Riversides School, Worcester

12. Mr P Denham will ask the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families:

"Can the Cabinet Member for Children and Families please tell me whether he has had the opportunity, since Council last met, to visit The Riversides School, Spring Gardens, Worcester to assess whether Looked After Children attending these premises are suitably accommodated according to their special needs?"

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.

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