

CABINET
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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Joyce Barrow

It has been sometime since work began on the Innovation Park, Oswestry.

Can you update me please, as to whether the council intend to develop the site, or whether the council are seeking a developer to take this forward?

I know there was interest from businesses wishing to locate to the Innovation Park, is this still the case? Are there any timescales in place for businesses to be on site? Do we have any idea, how many jobs might be created?

Alex Wagner

As part of the planning process for the Leighton Park estate, completed in 2019, Shropshire Council obtained funds for a crossing from by Shelton Cricket Club to Oxon Primary School. This well-used footpath has terrible visibility over to the school, is often overgrown or flooded, and has speeding cars go past who are often unaware there is a crossing there.

After a six year saga which contained regular promises of action – and indeed start dates for works – a now-departed senior officer cancelled the scheme with zero consultation, with either the public or myself as the local member.

Pupils at Oxon Primary deserve a safe route to school, and that crossing requires physical safety improvements, whether a full crossing or not is possible. School streets, as cited as an alternative, do not solve the specific safety problem.

Where is our money? Where is our crossing? And why does Shropshire Council seem so pathologically unable to deliver this simple, privately funded improvement the road safety of Shrewsbury schoolchildren?

Tracey Huffer

Please can Councillor Dan Morris Portfolio Holder for Highways confirm when the resurfacing of Gravel Hill Road will take place. This particular road is undoubtedly in the worst condition of any road in Ludlow, and received possibly the most complaints by residents. For the last 7 years I have been promised it was in a works programme for repair, only at the last moment to be told it was being moved into the following financial year. Therefore as promised last year can it be confirmed that Gravel Hill is in the work programme for this financial year.

Roger Evans

I note the Financial Strategy was published late on Thursday evening

Also that notices have recently been distributed to householders/residents concerning payments to have their Garden Waste bins emptied.

The notice states

“You have until 31 March 2025 to subscribe to our garden waste service. After that you won’t be able to sign up until 1 September 2025 for the following year’s subscription.”

When was this decision made, who made it and why.

How will residents moving into new homes between 31st March 2025 and 1st September 2025 be able to get their Green Bin emptied.

This will of course also affect anyone moving into a Shropshire Home whose previous owner did not subscribe for this garden waste service.

Is this not a vindictive action taken by the council against those who decided not to renew or pay to have their green bin emptied until the new growing season starts.