

### **Cabinet approves preferred bypass route**

Cabinet approved the selection of a preferred route corridor for the Hereford bypass for further development and design.

Cabinet considered reports and recommendations regarding the Hereford Transport Package at a meeting on (Friday 27 July) at Shire Hall.

A short list of proposed routes was approved by cabinet in January 2018 and a public consultation was carried out in February and March to assess the public view of the Hereford Transport Package, including proposed bypass routes and active travel measures. Considerable technical work has been undertaken to assess environmental, engineering, economic and traffic factors that affect each of the different routes. Based on this technical work and the public consultation feedback, detailed reports have been produced which recommend the red route as the preferred bypass route corridor.

Following cabinet approval, the red route will now be taken forward for further scheme development and consultation later this year.

That next phase of consultation will then enable stakeholders to comment on the detail of a bypass scheme based on the red route corridor, and the results of this consultation will inform a future cabinet decision to confirm the bypass scheme and associated active travel measures.

### **Lydbrook Black Bridge**

Both Councils (Herefordshire & Gloucestershire County Council) are disappointed to learn that the Heritage Lottery Fund for the renovation of Lydbrook Bridge has not been successful.

Safety work was begun on Monday 4 June is expected to continue until October to address safety issues. The plan is to continue with the safety works.

Both councils will meet shortly to address the way forward.

### **Call for public feedback on proposed development sites across Hereford**

I know that it is out of our area but, Herefordshire Council is asking businesses and residents to share their views about proposed housing and employment development sites across Hereford. The 'Hereford Area Plan' consultation welcomes public opinion on these proposed sites, and gives businesses and residents the opportunity to say whether alternative sites could be considered.

Four strategic development sites for housing and employment land were previously identified in the council's Core Strategy, adopted in 2015; Three Elms, Holmer West, Lower Bullingham and the city centre area. These sites will meet a significant proportion of the council's target of 6,500 new homes by 2031. Now Herefordshire Council is looking to source further land development opportunities to achieve the remainder of its housing growth target. Please review the URL -

<https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/extranet/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50027593&PlanId=1087&RPID=12412456&TPID=12412458&>

### **Changes to on-street parking in Hereford**

Following a review, changes to city centre on-street pay and display parking places in Hereford will take effect from Monday 10 September 2018.

The main changes are:

An additional 2 hour tariff for £3.00 will be available at all on street pay and display locations. Existing tariffs will remain unchanged at 50p for 30 minutes and £1.00 for 1 hour. An introduction of pay and display charges at some of the parking places in Castle Street and St Ethelbert Street - the charges will mirror the rest of the city centre on street pay and display.

Drivers are advised to check street signage and machines for charges.

### **Station Approach car park to close temporarily**

The car park will be closed to the public from 28 August to 7 September so that intrusive ground surveying can take place. The surveys are required to inform development options for the site that are being prepared by the council's development and regeneration partner, Engie, prior to any formal decision being made on its future use.

Users of the car park are advised to park nearby at Merton Meadow and Bus Station car parks, and allow extra time for their journeys if necessary. Season ticket holders for Station Approach car park will be permitted to use Merton Meadow during this time.

### **A-level students across Herefordshire celebrate success**

The county's A-level students are celebrating today after achieving some fantastic exam results.

The provisional A-level results for Herefordshire's maintained schools and academies with sixth forms have demonstrated the talent of the county's young people. The overall A\* - E pass rate was 98.9% which was higher than the 97.6% national average. The percentage of students in Herefordshire achieving the top grades of A\* and A was 24%.

### **New Mobile Phone App being developed**

A new application (App) for mobile phones is being designed for release early/mid-September to enable, initially, the reporting of highways issues. The App will enhance the existing reporting of highways issues by making the ability to report from your hand device. The system will enable full reporting to all interested parties concerning highways defects; with a monthly report of highways additions and removals being generated via RSS messaging. Parish Councils will be encouraged to join the RSS feeds – if they are not already subscribed. The App will be further

developed to provided reporting 'in the hand' of fly tipping, PROW incidents and dog poo.



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**Report it**

Please note that Herefordshire Council strongly encourages Balfour Beatty to promote all service requests and queries should be logged via the HC website at

<https://myaccount.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-a-pothole> or call through to the call handling team on 01432 261800.

Please use the website or call the customer services call handling team. This will help ensure that everything is logged in to the operating system known as CONFIRM where it can be responded to in a timely way.

For any PROW (Public Rights of Way) maps or problems, you can report these via the following link on the Herefordshire Council's website:

[https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel\\_and\\_transport/248/public\\_rights\\_of\\_way\\_map](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200136/travel_and_transport/248/public_rights_of_way_map)

You can search for PROW information on the map using: - Footpath references, Postcodes, Addresses and Grid References e.g. 354000 254000

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