

CABINET 17 MARCH 2022

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From Mike Streetly

In his response to a question from Councillor Rob Wilson about the proposed Shrewsbury North West Road to the Shropshire Council Cabinet meeting on 16 Feb 2022, Councillor Dean Carroll said that *'planning determination has now been pushed back to summer 2022'* with the Full Business Case (FBC) being submitted to council by Dec 2022 but that *'The delay in submission of the FBC does not, at this time however, mean that the NWR programme overall is critically impacted around the forecast construction and road opening dates.'*

First, could the council please confirm whether it is still allowing for the risk that the planning application might be subject to a Public Inquiry and what effect a Public Inquiry would have on the programme outlined by Councillor Carroll?

Second, noting the council's report to the Scrutiny – Place Overview Committee on 5th November 2020 which indicated the following dates in the NWR programme:

- the planning application would be determined by Autumn 2021 (slippage of 9 months)
- a Public Inquiry from Autumn 2021 to spring 2022
- DfT endorsement of the Full Business Case (presumably several months after it was signed off by full council) in Winter 2021 (slippage of at least 1 year)
- construction starts spring 2022
- road opening in Winter 2023

can Councillor Carroll please be specific about what the programmed construction start and road open dates are now expected to be?