

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**  
**COUNCIL 21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Question from Michael Hinds**

Please explain on what basis the Leader of the Council selects the councillors to be chairs of overview and scrutiny committees.

**Question from Frank Oldaker**

On the webpage for Shropshire Council's Key Dates for the North West Relief Road, following a planned date of - "Early summer 2023 - Planning Committee Due" it says "June – Commence advanced works / Utility Diversions"

I appreciate the programme has slipped but could you please say what this work comprises and what budget has been allocated for this work which will be 'at risk' given that the Department for Transport will not have signed off the Business Case for the road at that point?

**Question from David Carrant**

On 17th September 2023 the Welsh Government will implement a 20 mph default national speed limit on the majority of residential roads and streets in Wales.

This move will adopt the advice and recommendations of UK and Welsh public health organisations and the World Health Organization and will replace the current default speed limit of 30 mph. This decision follows the example of local authorities in the UK with a total population of over 20 million who have adopted the same policy.

When will Shropshire Council accept public health advice and implement a default 20 mph speed limit on residential roads and streets throughout the county of Shropshire?"

On behalf of: Shropshire Wide 20 mph Campaign Supported by South Shropshire Climate Action and the following towns / areas: Shrewsbury, Shifnal, Oswestry, Ludlow, Bridgnorth, Cleobury Mortimer, Bishop's Castle, Broseley, Ruyton XI Town, Much Wenlock, Bayston Hill

**Question from Ruth Cranley**

I wish to ask and complain about the Council's lack of action in protecting cars parked on London Road. As a household, we have had 3 cars written off recently, which could have been avoided if adequate safety measures were in place:

1. The road is not designed to slow traffic down to a safe speed and there is inadequate signage to indicate that the road narrows from No 36 towards the Column.
2. There are no road markings at all to protect parked cars on London Road, especially outside 34-22. On all other roads in Shrewsbury with similar residents' parking, e.g. Abbey Foregate, there are box markings around the cars and lines to show that the road narrows, to guide approaching cars away from the parked cars. Why is this protection given on other roads and not on London Road?
3. There is a school opposite our houses, but no measures to slow traffic down. This puts children at risk.
4. Speeding traffic is not adequately monitored, nor the 7.5T weight limit enforced. Speeding cars and oversized lorries are a constant issue, greatly adding to the risk of accidents.

Please advise urgently when adequate safety measures will be put in place on London Road to prevent further accidents. It is a very busy road and a major route into the town, so surely it warrants having basic measures in place before more cars are needlessly damaged or someone is seriously injured or killed in this area.

#### **Question from Jamie Russell**

Should planning permission for the North West Relief Road be granted, can Shropshire Council please confirm whether any trees or hedgerows will be cut down prior to approval of the Full Business Case by the Department for Transport?

#### **Question from Wynn Davies**

It has been reported that the Council considered issuing a "Section 114 Notice". Are the Council's finances so bad that this was a serious suggestion? Could the portfolio holder for finance explain why this situation has arisen when his party has been in charge of the Council for many years