# CABINET

## **20 NOVEMBER 2024**

## **RESPONSES TO MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

## **Cllr Tom Biggins**

Local residents are frustrated by the endless delay of Wain Homes to construct a mini roundabout at the junction of Claypit Street and London Road, as required by an important planning condition.

Over the last four years, I have asked officers to enforce the Condition, have repeatedly requested completion dates and asked the same in Members Questions at Full Council and also at Cabinet.

The Section 278 agreement was only commenced in 2022 after a lot of pressure from me, and the Planning Enforcement Case 22/09212/ENF was only raised after my pushing for this to happen.

We are now waiting for design approval which should have been sought years ago.

Condition 12 (14/01263/OUT Planning Consent Granted 23/12/2014) stated -"No development shall take place until full engineering details of the alterations to the Claypit Street/Brownlow Street/London Road to form a mini-roundabout junction have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority; the highway alterations shall be implemented fully in accordance with the approved details prior to the development being first occupied".

This was watered down by subsequent Condition 10 of 19/05221/VAR Granted 22/1/2020 with no fixed time limit. A regrettable change allowed by Planning.

Had the original Condition 12 been retained the mini roundabout would have been constructed years ago and we would not have this ongoing saga.

## Please can we have a firm date when this roundabout will be installed,

This is holding up the resurfacing of London Road.

Any further delay is not acceptable.

## Response

Firstly, can I thank Cllr Biggins for his role in championing this locally to ensure this important scheme is delivered. This project has been met by a range of complex challenges which have taken time to resolve, but I am pleased to share positive news with Cllr Biggins.

Our Highways Development Control officers have now signed off the contractors proposals for the proposed mini-roundabout scheme. Work is currently underway to review the specific levels to ensure no adverse impact on the footway profile relating to the pedestrian crossing point on Claypit Street on the northern side. The levels are important to ensure that

the crossfall of the crossing does not adversely impact upon motorised mobility scooters in particular.

I can confirm that, subject to weather, the works will now commence in mid-January.

#### Cllr David Vasmer

During the recent Armistice commemoration which is traditionally held in Shrewsbury's Market Square, it was suggested by the current President of the British Legion that brass plaque be inserted into the pavement as a reminder of Armistice Day being commemorated every year. It would also act as a marker for the location of the commemoration event.

Could those responsible for the Market Square investigate this suggestion and report back to myself, Shrewsbury Town Council and the British Legion.

## Response

We have no objection to the insertion of a plaque, provided that the groups mentioned raise the necessary funds and have the plaque produced. If the plaque is to be placed within the York paving stones in the Square and not attached to any building, it would fall under the scope of Highways permitted development rights and would not require any planning permissions.

The Historic Environment Team can advise on the design and siting of the plaque to ensure it is appropriate for this sensitive location in the Conservation Area. In principle, there would be no objection in this respect.