

CABINET – 15 OCTOBER 2025

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1. Chris Lemon

Question: The Bowbrook Meadows and Darwin's Walk developments in Radbrook suffer badly from a lack of public transport. School times at Bowbrook Primary in particular are becoming dangerous for children and parents who walk and cycle as so many pupils are taken to and from school by car.

In 2013, Shropshire Council asked for the roads to be widened from 5.5m to 6.1m during the planning phases specifically so Red Deer Road and Squinter Pip Way could accommodate a bus service. The outline permission granted in 2013 (13/13534/0UT) identified as a condition a 'Local Bus Service Contribution' to provide a subsidy for 5 years to facilitate and sustain local bus services, to ensure adequate public transport links for the development(s). The Officer Report attached to the same application states that "the highway authority has negotiated a bus subsidy for a new route with the developers of both Bowbrook sites as part of the proposed s106 agreement". The sum given was £519,480.

With further development to the west of Bowbrook Meadows and Darwin's Walk on the near horizon, it is vital that regular bus services are provided as soon as possible in order to establish good travel habits early on. It is also important to correct the mistakes of the past, so my question to Cabinet is whether the £519,480 was ever collected from the developers, if not why not, and if so was it returned to them unspent as per the relevant clause in the Section 106 agreement.