

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION QUESTIONS & STATEMENTS

5 March 2020

I. STATEMENT FROM ROBERT MACBETH (NOT IN ATTENDANCE)

As the Glastonbury/Pilton pinch point proposals are to be recommended for withdrawal from the Major Road Network priorities list, would the Board now give consideration to a scheme to lower the road at Lydford railway bridge on the A37 to allow all HGVs to use this sparsely populated route. This would be a far more cost effective way of improving the flow of heavy traffic through central Somerset, and improving the quality of life of the many people living with high numbers of HGVs on the A361 through Pilton, West Pennard and Glastonbury.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR BROWN

Peninsula Transport hopes to undertake a series of corridor studies and assessments, subject to securing appropriate Government funding, to develop an evidence base from which investment priorities for future investment will be developed.

The deadline for submissions of Major Road Network schemes to the Department of Transport elapsed in July 2019. However, it is possible that at some point there will be a future tranche of Major Road Network funding. Whilst we anticipate a future tranche of Major Road Network funding post March 2025, we are not able to revisit the MRN priorities before then. As the A37 is part of the Major Road Network, it will be for Somerset County Council to consider the development of a pipeline scheme.