

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday 11 January 2023**

**1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BAILEY**  
**Re: Tipton St John School**

I convened a meeting on 19th December with Simon Niles and the Portfolio Holder for Schools following the announcement that Tipton St John School had been included in the School Rebuilding Programme for funding for a school rebuild. At that meeting I emphasised the importance of Tipton St John school remaining within the village of Tipton St John.

Please can the Portfolio Holder for Schools confirm that Devon County Council will support the new school remaining within the village of Tipton St John and will submit a response to EDDC's local plan consultation (deadline 15th January) requesting site allocations for the new Tipton St John school in the village and not elsewhere (such as at Ottery St Mary.)

Please can the Portfolio Holder provide me with any updates or reports that are available on this matter.

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR LEADBETTER**

As agreed at our meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December, I can confirm that Devon County Council, in its response to the emerging East Devon Local Plan, will recommend the allocation of a primary school site in Tipton St John. The Department for Education will lead the Schools Rebuilding Programme.

I can confirm Devon has not received any further information regarding proposals for Tipton St John C of E Primary but I will ensure officers keep the Local Member up to date when there is anything to report.

**2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BAILEY**  
**Re: Investigation into former Councillor John Humphreys**

DCC committed to publish its independent investigation into disgraced former Conservative Councillor John Humphreys in autumn 2022. Please can the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services advise when will the report be published?

## **REPLY BY COUNCILLOR LEADBETTER**

A redacted version of the report was published on the members sharepoint site on 6 January 2023. A copy has been sent directly to Councillor Bailey from the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

### **3. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BAILEY Re: 20mph in Ottery St Mary**

Although there is no requirement for communities to resubmit their applications for 20mph schemes, Ottery St Mary Town Council are in fact revising and resubmitting their application. I strongly support their application. Does the Portfolio Holder for Highways recognise, as I do, that Ottery St Mary is eminently suitable for a 20mph zone and should be prioritised in 2023-24?

## **REPLY BY COUNCILLOR HUGHES**

The process we have developed is designed to identify the schemes where a 20mph speed limit will be most effective and deliver the greatest benefits to our communities. We recognise that a new speed limit is important to all the communities that have submitted expressions of interest in both tranches.

As we reported to Cabinet in July, Ottery St Mary scored within the top 23 schemes, sharing the same scoring as Totnes, Buckfastleigh and Cheriton Bishop.

I understand that the community wish to revise their submission. Our commitment will be to review this fairly and consistently with other communities that have also made submissions.