

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

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**Question from Anne Henshaw (CPRE Wiltshire)**

**Agenda Item 7 – Capital Programme - Transport**

**To Councillor Bridget Wayman – Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste**

**Question 1**

We ask whether it is right to allocate capital funding and resources to assess major road schemes given the following -

1. With climate change there is a need to consider a better use of roads with more public transport, car-sharing, working locally or from home and more long haul freight going by rail.

**Response**

A wider sustainable transport agenda is very much supported by the Council, however the recent bidding success results from engagement with DfT's specific funding stream dedicated to improvements on the Major Road Network (MRN) – ie a middle tier of the country's busiest and most economically important local authority 'A' roads.

Bidders were required to show how benefits would be secured for all road users.

2. The repairs and improvements needed to existing road networks of all categories to make them safe for all users in a wider based travel future.

**Response**

Funding for MRN schemes is provided separately by DfT. Funding for structural maintenance is awarded annually to local authorities on a formula basis.