

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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To Cllr Bridget Wayman Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste

Item 5 – Public Participation

Question 1

- a) What is the estimated total cost of all the road schemes along the A350 corridor proposed by Wiltshire Council in the Western Gateway Sub-national Transport Body draft strategy,

Response

Outturn costs will not be finalised for some time, however the estimated costs of schemes along the A350 at the time of the bids to DfT's MRN/LLM¹ fund were:

A350 Chippenham Bypass (Stages 4 & 5)	£28.7m
M4 Junction 17	£25.5m
Melksham Bypass	£50.2 – 135.8m ²

- b) What is the estimated total cost of those proposed by Dorset Council?

Response

There are no A350 schemes in the draft STB Strategy proposed by Dorset Council.

Question 2

In view of aspirations to create a fast north-south link between the M4 and the Port of Poole ,

¹ MRN – Major Road Network; LLM – Large Local Majors

² Depending on Route Option

- a) what proposals do Wiltshire and/or Dorset Councils have for constructing an A350 bypass of Shaftesbury?

Response

Dorset Council would be the scheme promoter for construction of a bypass for Shaftesbury – the question should be posed to them.

- b) is the route still safeguarded in the local development plans of Wiltshire and/or Dorset Councils?

Response

Part of a route is safeguarded in Wiltshire's current Core Strategy – such policies will be reconsidered as part of the Local Plan Review following consultation with Dorset Council.

The part of the question querying Dorset Council's position regarding safeguarding should be put to them separately.