

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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**Public Participation
From Mr John Bowley – Westbury Bypass**

Question

How does Wiltshire Council intend to realise its aspiration of a Westbury Bypass? Does the Council agree that its last experience would rule out a second attempt at the eastern route?

Response

While Westbury Bypass is not explicitly mentioned, Core Policy 48 'Strategic transport network' in the Wiltshire Core Strategy Consultation Document (June 2011) includes the following:

“Work will be undertaken in conjunction with the Highways Agency, Network Rail, transport operators and other agencies, that will seek to develop and improve the strategic transport network to support the objectives and policies in the Core Strategy and Local Transport Plan.”

“In particular, the strategic transport network along the A350 corridor will be maintained, managed and selectively improved to assist employment growth at Chippenham, Melksham, Trowbridge, Westbury and Warminster.”

In terms of what these selective improvements might be in Westbury, this will be determined in light of the available funding and following a study which will assess the range of options that might deliver the required outcomes.