

Questions from Angela Fisher, for the Clerk of Iver Parish Council

At the Highways and Partnerships meeting on 9th June 2010 the Iver Parish Councillors requested that the following questions appear on the next LAF agenda for the meeting on 30th June 2010.

1) Bucks Draft Freight Strategy section 7.3, page 21, last para. "... Bucks CC will lobby Central Govt. to alter legislation to improve links between GVOL system and planning legislation ...". This looks promising but we should be told exactly how the approach to Govt. is to be made and when.

A response will be provided at the meeting.

2) SBDC Core Policy 7, last para but one. "... The adverse effects associated with HGV movements will be addressed through land use changes..." Over what period of time and how will SBDC publicise this intention.

Response from Ian Motuel, South Bucks District Council

"Regarding Item 2, which relates to the South Bucks Proposed Submission Core Strategy, the Core Strategy was published for a final round of consultation in March. The 6 week period ended in mid May, but no response was received from Iver Parish Council.

"I am however already aware of the Parish Council's strong views on HGV movements in the Iver/Richings Park area and this is covered in the Core Strategy. Core Policy 7 (Accessibility and Transport) aims to address this problem initially through encouraging changes in land use (particularly on existing employment sites such as Court Lane, the Ridgeway and Thorney Business Park) in order to reduce the number of vehicle movements. Should this be unsuccessful, then other ways of resolving the problem will be explored, for example road access improvements. Core Policy 15 deals with this in more detail.

"You can see the Core Strategy and other documents via this link:

http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/environment_planning/planning/local_development_framework/core_strategy_development_plan_document/core_strategy_publication_stage.aspx

"Iver PC ask "Over what period of time and how will SBDC publicise this intention". We have carried out extensive public consultation throughout the Core Strategy process, most recently in March, when we contacted a wide range of people and organisations, including the Parish council, local residents groups and others. We also placed notices in local newspapers, in libraries, parish council offices, on the Council's website etc.

"We now intend to submit the Core Strategy to the Government for its independent examination. Hearings are likely to be held in the Autumn. These hearings will be advertised and they are open to the public to attend (but not take part, unless invited by the inspector). After adoption, the Core Strategy will be widely publicised again, with hard copies available to purchase. At this time, it will be a part of the development plan and hence carry weight in planning decisions.