

Cllr Barbara Jones-Williams, October report 2024

I send my apologies for this evenings meeting, as in a previous email I explained due circumstances for the next few months NAPC have had to be put back a month, this evening there are two major developments on the agenda and an application in my ward that I asked to go to committee..

A44 Speeding etc.

My thoughts to Bob Haynes response... I'm not at all happy with his findings as I don't think that the average speed readings are taking into account of the large amount of heavy goods vehicles using the A44, it is a major road leading to Wales, as HGV's are not allowed to exceed the speed of 40-50mph on a single carriageway, so obviously the readings are going to be below the average national speed limit of 60mph, I feel the figures are distorted, against the number of vehicles..

What we should find out is the number of HGV's using the A44, and what effect that will have on the findings, it's my belief that the percentage will be very high, as the highest number of accidents involve smaller vehicles, i.e. cars and motorcycles... we should therefore go back to Bob and ask the question as to how many HGV's use the A44 and get a more accurate account..

Looking forward to hearing the PC's views on this...

SWDPR Update time table

The inspector has set out a time table for the SWDPR to progress to hearings in March 2025, I doubt very much that it will become adopted until nearer the end of the year!! Although the inspectors have been unable to carry out an independent examination of the plan and decide whether it is lawful and deliverable, as a number of deadlines to submit evidence for the SWDPR have been missed by all three councils, Wychavon, Malvern Hills and Worcester. The inspector have now set out final deadlines of October 31 to submit new evidence documents and December 31 to provide transport and infrastructure modelling ready for the march hearings.. Or I fear they will tell us to start all over again...

Cost of Living

I will send a "Cost of Living Advice and Support" poster on a separate email for you to share with your community.

Regards,

Barbara