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Dear Gill

Review of Hereford & South Wye transport packages and alternative options

I am writing to update you on Herefordshire Council's plans following the decision of 22 October 2019 to pause and review the Hereford & South Wye transport packages. We have now identified the scope of the review and Cllr Harrington, cabinet member for infrastructure and transport is due to confirm the approach 24 January 2020.

A link to the report setting out these details is available below:

<http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=50032842>

In summary, the review will comprise 3 main elements:

- Element 1: An independent technical assessment of the two package schemes
- Element 2: An assessment of transport strategy and alternative options having regard to new and emerging issues such as climate change
- Element 3: Stakeholder engagement and public consultation

We will be aiming to conclude the review by 31 July 2020 and this will provide the cabinet with recommendations which will inform consideration of next steps.

The review is aiming to ensure that the council's decision making is fully informed by the latest information and best practice and that any major scheme has a positive impact on the county to address travel issues, such as congestion and air quality.

As one of our key partners we will be keen to engage with you further during the process of the review and will invite you to take part in a stakeholder panel which we will establish to oversee progress and provide strategic input. I will be in touch again after the decision has been confirmed to discuss details.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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