

COUNCIL MEETING – 2 November 2005

Question under Council Procedure Rule 14(2)b

QUESTION 7

From: Councillor Higgins

To: The Portfolio Holder for Economy and Transport

"Can the Portfolio Holder tell me what progress has been made in finding new Park and Ride sites for Winchester?"

Reply

"The City Council has asked that the proposals for a new Park and Ride site to the south of Winchester should be given a high priority within the County Council's programmes for future transport schemes, and this scheme has now been included within the County Council's Draft Local Transport Plan for 2006-11. The County and City Councils are jointly working on developing proposals for the scheme.

A potential location close to the Badger Farm Road/St Cross Road roundabout has been identified and an engineering and environmental assessment of that site is being carried out by the County Council. If the assessment is positive, it is hoped that a planning application will be made next year.

No final decision on the site has yet been taken however, and the current investigations do not preclude other sites being assessed if required. Development of the scheme will also depend on funding support from central Government and will be subject to extensive consultation."