

The width will be the same as with the original, meaning there will be no footway or pedestrian refuges. This means that the bridge can be built immediately without planning permission under permitted development, and avoid the long process of an environmental impact assessment.

4. Careers Fair at THOA

Last week I was pleased to be able to attend the Careers Fair at Tenbury High Ormiston Academy. There were over 40 companies and colleges seeking to give advice to pupils and many of them attended. It was encouraging to speak to many of the exhibitors and find that young people have a good appreciation of the alternative training opportunities for those not wishing to, or not suited to, going to university. I would like to thank Caroline Palethorpe and the Tenbury school staff for their help in putting on this event that should become a regular fixture.

Congratulations also to Helena Baxter, of HP Consultancy and Training, for winning an award recognising her work helping young people looking for training, at the Annual Meeting of the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership on Thursday.

5. Liaison officers

Recognising the importance of the condition of the highways, the County Council has decided to increase the number of liaison officers from four to five. As a result Gerry Brienza has been redeployed to cover all of Wychavon and Malvern Hills will now be the territory of Roy Fullee. My colleagues and I are disappointed to lose Gerry after some years of excellent service but I am sure Roy will prove his equal and I look forward to showing him around his new area in my Division.

6. Divisional Fund

I was pleased to be able to use a little of the Divisional Fund, made up of Council Tax contributions, to help put on the Careers Fair. Please get in touch if you know of other potential proposals and let others know of the fund's existence, so the money can be best spent in service of the community.

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