'The enclosed report had been produced by Mott MacDonald in response to the request from the Overview and Scrutiny Board to examine the study commissioned by Worcestershire County Council into the need for a Western Distributor/Bypass.

The Mott MacDonald work will form part of a wider report on Transport issues, although we are not in a position to finalise that report yet. In order to ensure members are fully informed of the work being done in relation to the concerns expressed by the O & S Board it was felt necessary to share this work in advance of the full report which will be presented to the Board in due course.'