

On the first day of Christmas the Councils said to me.....

### A Reduction in Prosperity.....

The original Growth Fund business case for the Bermuda connection scheme (Bermuda Connectivity Project as it was formally known) stated that around 4000 new jobs would be created through further development of the Bermuda Park employment site. In order to obtain funding it was promoted that 3000 of these jobs would not 'materialise' if the Bermuda Bridge wasn't opened.

**Item 3**

## **Cabinet**

**9 October 2014**

### **Capital Growth Fund – Bermuda Connectivity**

- The SEP highlights that around 4,000 new jobs will be created through further development of the Bermuda Park employment site, however, the SEP predicts there is a risk that only just over 1,000 of the new jobs would actually materialise, if complementary measures such as improvements to local highway network to enhance connectivity are not delivered; and
- The Bermuda Connectivity Project forms part of the transport enhancements required to enable Bermuda Park to achieve its full employment growth potential.

It was also publicised by Cllr Harvey at a meeting of the Shadow Economic Prosperity Board that NBBC are working with WCC to reopen the bridge to traffic in order to facilitate huge increase in jobs numbers in the local area:

## **MINUTES**

### **COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY/ SHADOW ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BOARD**

**Friday 10 October 2014**

Hosted by: Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council

Cllr Harvey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**51. PRESENTATION BY NUNEATON & BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
– Cllr Harvey

- Infrastructure improvements have been identified as a key requirement in achieving economic growth including work on Bermuda Bridge which runs over the A444. The Council is working with WCC to reopen the bridge to traffic which could result in 4,000 jobs in the long term.

However, once funding was obtained, a revised down figure of around 200 jobs was estimated to be created if the Bermuda Bridge was opened.



25<sup>th</sup> March 2015



Thank you for your emailed question to the CWLEP Board on whose behalf I am responding.

Your assertion that Bermuda Park is not getting support from CWLEP is not correct. Bermuda Park is a priority site in the SEP and in May 2014 the CWLEP awarded NBBC £500k towards opening up the Bermuda transport bridge over the A444 to all traffic to improve connectivity in Nuneaton and accessibility to Bermuda Railway Station. This will stimulate job creation and growth with around 200 jobs estimated to be created as a result. In addition funding of £2m in the recently announced CWLEP Growth Deal has been secured in

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Coupled with the fact that currently there is a £17million investment on St George's Way hanging in the balance as WCC are currently proposing to compulsory purchase part of UPS owned land in order to build a station car park that isn't currently required, which will make their plans for the land unviable resulting in a loss of at least 150 jobs in an area classed as one of the top 10% most deprived areas in the country.

A 60 year BCR will not fix the issues we have today, or even ones we will have going forward in the next 5 to 10 years. We can safely say that this scheme now has a massively reduced outlook for immediate prosperity which this town desperately needs.

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