

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 22 MARCH 2018**

**Question to Helen Fisher  
Cabinet Support Member for Highways and Transport**

**By Kyle Robinson**

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**Question**

The roads and pavements on the new development of Mitchell Gardens in my division are yet to be adopted. Despite repeated requests for grit bins to be installed on the estate which is hilly and steep, the County Council's response has simply been one of refusal to act. Can some common-sense be brought to bear in order to assist affected residents - will the County Council urgently step in and install a few grit bins to ensure residents can go about their daily lives safely during periods of severe weather?

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**Reply**

Our highways crews do a tremendous job, working in the harsh winter weather, day-and-night, to help keep over 2,400 Kms of Staffordshire's busiest roads free from the dangers of ice and snow.

In addition we also have over 50 local communities that are engaged in the local ice buster's activity and around 4,000 local grit bins/piles that have been located using strict criteria at key positions across the County's remaining 4,000 Kms of adopted roads.

Mitchell Gardens is a private housing development. It is still very much in the building stages, with unsurfaced roads and the builder's construction plant moving around daily. Until the development is complete and the application for public adoption of the new roads is approved consideration of any necessary winter gritting activity remains a matter for the developer and early residents of the site.