

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

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

**By Kyle Robinson**

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**Question**

Residents and I have been shocked at the poor level of traffic enforcement in the Talke and Red Street Division. Despite the fact I have raised this as a serious issue with Highways officers and the contracted enforcement team, very little has been done to challenge vehicle users parking illegally, specifically in Church Street and Woodshutts Street, Butt Lane. Can the Cabinet Member for Highways please assist me in making sure the traffic enforcement team do more to enforce parking restrictions such as double yellow lines?

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**Reply**

The County Council's Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers are limited to the enforcement of parking restrictions, such as Double Yellow Lines. They do not include powers of enforcement to prevent things like footway parking or driveway obstruction, both of which remain the responsibility of the Police.

There are only short lengths of parking restrictions in place on Church Street and Woodshutts street. In both locations the parking restrictions are designed to protect their junctions with the busy A34, whilst leaving the remaining areas free for what is mainly local resident's parking.

Since the 1 April this year the Council's Civil Parking Enforcement team has visited Church Street 28 times and Woodshutts Street 5 times. On each occasion there has been no parking on the double yellow lines and consequently no Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) have been issued.

If the local Member can advise of specific times when parking on the Double Yellow lines is occurring in either of these locations, then the enforcement team will attempt to undertake observations at these times.