

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 23 MAY 2019**

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

**By Syed Hussain**

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**Question**

Residents are suffering from shortage of car parking space and traffic congestion. Does the county have any plan to resolve this issue?

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**Reply**

The Local Transport Plan for Staffordshire (2011 – 2026) sets out high level highway & transport objectives, policies and strategy to support our vision for a 'Connected Staffordshire'. This includes how we will aim to reduce reliance on the private car, improve air quality and promote more sustainable forms of sustainable transport and active travel.

Beneath the Local Transport Plan are 8 local District Transport Strategies. These have been developed in consultation with Borough and District Councils to help make Local Development Plans acceptable in Transport terms. They include details of key highway and transport improvement needs, which is key to being able to secure developer funding contributions through s.106 or s.278 agreements.

The East Staffordshire District Transport Strategy was publicly consulted on during 2013 and signed off by Cabinet in April 2014. It is available on the county council's internet pages and the local Member's portal.

With regards to parking this is a key part of the Local Transport Plan. It is a very important part of all our lives - affecting where we go and how we choose to get there.

A revised draft parking strategy has recently been reviewed and agreed with the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee and will be going out to public consultation next month.