

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JULY 2022

**Question to Cllr David Williams
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**

By Cllr Afsar

Question

As a councillor, I often get disparaging remarks about Burton's road conditions, such as "potholes are so awful in Burton it's like driving over "craters on the moon." What can the cabinet member do to enhance Burton's roads?

Reply

Staffordshire's huge road network is vital for keeping our county connected and its residents and businesses on the move.

This year we are investing over £50 million in a range of major projects, vital local improvements, and general road maintenance, including an additional £15.5M funded directly by the County Council to fix more roads.

In Burton specifically over the last two years we've invested over £2M in mix of structural maintenance, surface treatments and reactive repairs to potholes.

And subject to confirmation of future funding we plan to invest a further £1M on preventative treatments between this year and 2024 and have identified a £4.1M of other high priority structural maintenance needs.

We recognise that there is always more to be done and we continue to lobby central Government for the money necessary to keep Staffordshire's roads in the condition we expect and is needed to ensure local communities and businesses are able to see the benefits of an improved highway network.

One example is within our LUF2 we are bidding for £6m to invest in improvements at Burton's southern intersection with the A38(T) and the connecting links on the A5121. The scheme includes carriageway maintenance, carriageway widening through the junction and on the approaches, new traffic signal controllers and improvements at the adjacent B5018/A5121 junction.