

### County Council Meeting - 12 October 2023

# Question to Councillor David Williams Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

#### By Councillor Hussain

## Question

We are deeply saddened to report that in the past few weeks, we have witnessed two tragic fatalities resulting from road accidents. Unfortunately, both incidents occurred in the same area, which falls under my division. Can the cabinet member assure me that he will implement the necessary steps and strategies to prevent this from happening in Burton on Trent? Will he provide me with information about his initiatives?

#### Reply

Our condolences go out to the family, friends and communities affected by the tragic incidents that recently took place in Burton.

At this point in time, we have not received detailed information concerning the circumstances of the collisions; however, the County Council will work with the Police and the Coroner to understand the factors involved and take appropriate action to reduce the number of tragic incidents on our roads.

Staffordshire County Council takes road safety extremely seriously and, as the Local Highway Authority, the Council has a statutory responsibility to study road collisions in its area and promote measures and actions to improve safety.

All reported injury incidents are continually reviewed by a dedicated team to identify those sites and routes where actions can be taken to reduce the number of people hurt on our roads. We also work with wider agencies within the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership to ensure the Council's limited resources are being used in the most effective way in response to the most pressing road safety needs. Our annual programmes of interventions include road safety engineering, education in schools, training activities, and the control of traffic where appropriate. Most importantly, we liaise with our local communities to understand their individual aspirations and work collaboratively to tackle any road safety issues.