

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 18TH MARCH 2021

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

By Cllr Robinson

Question

Will the Cabinet Member for Highways support my efforts on behalf of residents who live on Hardingswood Road and Second Avenue to see the County Council take urgent, immediate and substantive action to reduce the speed of traffic on these roads and restrict the improper use of these roads by Heavy Goods Vehicles? Local residents and I would also like assistance to see a reduction of vehicles using these roads as a cut through, causing mayhem at peak times due to the tight width of the road, specifically on Hardingswood Road bridges.

Reply

At the request of Councillor Robinson, following local prioritisation through his Divisional Highway Programme, in December 2019 the highways design team commenced a feasibility study, looking into the known issues on Hardingswood Road. An initial request for traffic data was made and the report was commenced in early 2020.

The feasibility study relies on having accurate, up to date traffic data, which over the course of 2020 varied dramatically due to the country going into lockdown. It therefore became necessary to halt the study temporarily until the highways data team could obtain the additional accurate traffic figures. The data is needed in order to assess junction capacity and to inform the designer on such things as traffic volume and vehicle classifications (numbers of cars, buses, HGVs cyclists) and their typical speed.

In January 2021 work recommenced on the study and the requested traffic data is currently being collected. Once the full set of data has been obtained the design team will conclude their study and report the findings to the local member in the usual way. It is anticipated this will be completed by the end of April 2021.