

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 9 DECEMBER 2021

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

By Cllr Jones

Question

Every week-day morning my residents are stuck in excessively long traffic jams that form on the A5 when residents are traveling from the A5 eastbound on to the M42 Junction 10 island. Sometimes these queues have been a mile in length.

Would the relevant Cabinet Member meet with me and my other colleagues onsite to discuss how the council can lobby the Highways Agency to improve the traffic flow at peak times?

Reply

I would be happy to meet with you, by way of an update of what we are already doing.

The A5, M42 and Junction 10 is part of England's Trunk Road Network and is managed by National Highways.

Recent communications between Council officers and National Highways officials have confirmed that the signal-controlled junction at this location is managed by software to maximise traffic flows whilst managing queuing traffic on all approaches.

National Highways have indicated that they are aware of peak time queue lengths on the eastbound A5 but have stated that any queue length reduction will depend on increasing junction capacity which is currently restricted due to the geometry of the southern bridge deck.

Council officers are represented on the A5 Tamworth to Hinckley working group which is lead by National Highways who are looking at potential highway improvements along this route. The capacity issues of junction 10 have been raised and will continue to be raised at this forum, although it should be noted that sustainable travel is also discussed as a potential solution to unrestricted growth in vehicular traffic.