

County Council Meeting – 8th February 2024**Question to Councillor David Williams
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport****By Councillor Hussain**

Question

There is a serious concern for the safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren, due to the road barriers being damaged on Evershed Way and Uxbridge Street. In addition, there have been ongoing issues with blocked gullies in several streets including Uxbridge Street, Broadway Street, Blackpool Street, Oak and South Oak Street, and South Broadway Street, as well as the surrounding areas.

Could the cabinet member provide assurance that they will conduct a comprehensive investigation to improve the safety of the street?

Reply

The safety of road users is taken extremely seriously and all damage to highway assets is prioritised for repair based on an assessment of the risk posed to the travelling public. Work to repair the guard rail at Evershed Way is planned and will be scheduled as soon as resources allow.

Extra resources are being brought in to undertake additional gully emptying as part of the increased investment into road maintenance. This work is planned using robust asset management criteria and the residential areas surrounding Uxbridge Street are routinely cleansed on a cyclical programme. The Community Highways team are available to work with the local Member to ensure areas are cleared of parked cars, when the cleansing takes place, and will ensure any isolated blockages are added to work schedules as necessary.
