

COUNCIL
17 MAY 2018**QUESTION TIME**

Question 1 – Traffic issues on the A456 and adjoining roads, Kidderminster

1. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"On Friday April 27th there was yet another Road Traffic Accident at the notorious Husum Way Junction with the A456 in my Division. Regularly there are accidents at this junction or at the adjacent dangerous junction of the A456 with Hurcott Lane in Cllr Rayner's Division. Many residents want either an island or traffic lights installed here but these solutions have been dismissed in the past, largely on cost grounds.

Given that accidents are now occurring at least once a month and speed of traffic on the A456 is often a contributory factor would the Cabinet Member please ask Highways Officers to urgently investigate the much cheaper solution of: extending the 30mph Speed limit towards Blakedown on both sides of the A456 Dual Carriageway and installing permanent Speed Cameras on the Kidderminster side of the junction approaching Hurcott Lane and the Blakedown side of the carriageway approaching Husum Way and placing a Weight Limit on Borrington Road, Tennyson Way and Husum Way to discourage HGVs from using the route from Spennells Valley Road and through the Comberton and Offmore Estates as a short cut to the A456?"

Question 2 – Traffic Island arrangements on the A442 Worcester Road, Kidderminster

2. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"Whilst I applaud the decision to open up the second lane of the A442 Worcester Road, Kidderminster where it exits the traffic island towards the Silverwoods Junction at the Worcester Road/Wilden Lane and Chester Road South, Kidderminster, this will be of little assistance to residents of my Division wishing to turn right at this traffic island to access Chester Road and Spennells Valley Road. For these residents it is the large physical size of the traffic island and the restricted road lanes around it which causes the problems.

Will the Cabinet Member please request Highways Officers to Commission a study into increasing the capacity by reducing the size of the island?"

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.