

CABINET – 18 OCTOBER 2011

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions received from the following Member:

Councillor Jean Fooks to the Cabinet Member for Transport

1. “There seems to have been a moratorium on the processing of traffic regulation orders over the last twelve months or so. Small but important schemes in Oxford, agreed for safety reasons, have not been implemented, such as a review of parking near a new nursery school in Rawlinson Road and a time limit on parking on Aristotle Lane near St Philip and St James primary school. Taxi spaces in Oakthorpe Road have been redundant for many years and were promised to be converted to much-needed disabled parking spaces early this year. Is this a county-wide problem? Why have staff not been given the time needed to progress them to implementation?”

Answer

“Councillor Fooks will be aware that in response to the substantial reduction in funding from central Government, attributable to the high level of debt inherited from the previous national administration, this Council has had to significantly reduce the staffing resource available to respond to general traffic management issues, which includes the processing of traffic regulation orders. Priority has been given to matters such as the restrictions to facilitate the reintroduction of forces' repatriations at RAF Brize Norton and to temporary orders related to the major increase in capital maintenance schemes across the County. However as there is developer funding available to carry out works at the specific locations mentioned by Cllr Fooks I am hopeful that these will be addressed over the coming months.”

Councillor Roz Smith to the Cabinet Member for Finance & Property

2. “How many buildings owned by the County Council, are unoccupied or partly occupied for more than one year, and what is the cost of security contractors for these buildings?”

Answer

“12 buildings are unoccupied for more than one year. The total cost of security contractors for these buildings is £9,050 p.a. It is not possible to give the number of partly occupied property as the situation constantly changes.”