



Response to Request for Information

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Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Projects

Request:

"Can you provide details of all road safety improvement projects for the financial year.

Also the allocated budget and the number of staff in the department handling these projects.

I am interested only in projects for schools, I also want to know what has been done in connection with the Stowheath School near Portobello, Willenhall.

Also if the department handling traffic improvements is actually under staffed"

Response:

In response to your request, the following road safety projects relating to schools are expected to be undertaken during this financial year:

- Smestow School, Windmill Crescent/Chelmarsh Avenue. Parking restrictions, new footways, new disabled parking bays.
- Villiers Primary School, Mountford Lane/Prouds Lane. Parking restrictions, footway build-out and disabled bay.
- Uplands Junior School, Finchfield Road West. New zebra crossing.
- Wood End Primary School, Wood End Road. Parking restrictions.
- Wodensfield Primary School, Woden Avenue. Parking restrictions.

The allocated budget for School Gate Parking is £10,000 per year. Other projects, including Safer Routes to Schools, do not have a specific allocated budget but are funded from within the overall Network Development programme.

It is not possible to specify the number of staff handling these projects as it varies significantly and staff are involved in a wide range of road safety work, including school related projects.

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With regard to Stowheath Primary School, no road safety work has taken place or is expected to take place during the current year. We have a proposed scheme for some additional parking restrictions in Hill Road to help improve traffic flows at busy times. However, detailed design has not yet begun and the scheme is unlikely to commence during the current financial year.

I can confirm that the Traffic and Road Safety Team currently has three vacant posts and we are at present advertising to recruit new staff.