

WRITTEN QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 44

1. Question by Councillor Whetstone to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Following recent discussion which showed a disagreement as to the exact position, could the Lead Member clarify as to whether there is a specific budget for the installation of dropped kerbs? If there is no such budget how are the installation of dropped kerbs to be funded?

Answer by the Lead Member for Transport and Environment

The County Council has not had a dedicated budget for the installation of dropped kerbs for a number of years now. However there are several ways in which new dropped kerbs can be funded:

Dropped kerbs required as part of a wider highway scheme would be funded from the capital programme for local transport improvements.

Dropped kerbs requested for safety reasons would be prioritised against other demands and if of sufficient priority would be funded from the road safety budget.

If the installation of dropped kerbs is either not part of a wider highway scheme, or is not of sufficient safety priority to be funded from the road safety budget, but remains a priority for the local community, then an application may be made through the Community Match Initiative. In such cases the local community would need to commit to provide at least half of the funding required. Applications for dropped kerbs under the Community Match Initiative would have to be prioritised against all other requests for community match funding, and if successful the County Council contribution would come from the Community Match funding allocation.