

Question for the Leader from Cllr Mary Wade

Illegal on-street parking continues to be raised by residents in Ely and East Cambridgeshire as a problem.

In my first council meeting I raised this question on behalf of my residents and received positive news from the Leader of the Council in terms of a plan for a police enforcement role to tackle the issue. This had been confirmed to residents through an article written by the Leader of the Council on the East Cambs Conservative group website with the title 'A New Police Enforcement Role to Tackle Illegal Car Parking and Speeding in East Cambs', in 2022.

Further reassurance was provided a year later in 2023 when a council spokesperson told the Ely Standard that 'East Cambridgeshire District Council has been developing the new road safety officer volunteer role with the county's police force to address issues such as speeding and parking enforcement'.

Eighteen months after that update provided to the residents via the Ely Standard and following positive progress reports to members in the council chamber following questions from myself and Cllr Vellacott, is the Leader of the council still confident that the new road safety officers will prove effective in addressing illegal on-street parking in the district.

In particular, can she confirm:

1. The number of applicants to the Expressions of Interest run by the police last Autumn.
2. The number of road safety officer volunteers who have completed training.
3. The number of parking penalty tickets issued by road safety volunteers.