

## Cabinet – 21 June 2018

### Written response to questioner not present at the meeting

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**Questioner:** Barry Macleod-Cullinane

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services

**Question:** “Following the crash of a fully-laden petrol tanker on Roxeth Hill in the snow before Christmas 2017, what measures has the Council and his administration put into place to ensure that the weight restriction on vehicles transiting over the Hill is better signed and properly enforced; and given the crash destroyed a heritage street light, at the entrance to Christchurch and opposite Roxeth Primary School, can he confirm the dates of the accident, when the temporary light was installed and when it was made operational and when the replacement heritage light was ordered and when it will be installed and made operational and to explain the reasons for the delays in both putting in a temporary light and in getting the heritage light replaced, despite the obvious safety needs of children and their parents on Roxeth Hill?”

**Written Response:** The existing 7.5 tonne weight limit restriction along the A4005 Roxeth Hill / London Road / Sudbury Hill is adequately signed and compliant with current legislation. The restriction is signed “except for access” and so vehicles in excess of this weight can legitimately use the road for access purposes.

The incident in question occurred on 10th December and the Council’s highways contractor removed the damaged street light the same day in order to make the highway safe for the public. The heritage style street light column and lantern are non-standard materials that take approximately 8-12 weeks lead time for order and delivery and this was received at the start of June.

The contractor has scheduled this work for the beginning of July.